

Vehicle Safety Circular

Journeyperson Requirement for Certified Inspection Mechanic Status

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In a prior communication sent in October 2021, MPI indicated that the requirements to become a qualified mechanic in order to issue certificates of inspection may be changing.

Effective April 1, 2022, MPI will no longer accept applications for a qualified mechanic permit unless the individual holds Journeyperson status in one or more of the following:

- Automotive Service Technician for Light Vehicle Inspection (LVI)
- Truck and Transport Mechanic, or Transport Trailer Technician for Periodic Mandatory Vehicle Inspection (PMVI)

Benefits

The policy is intended to promote the overall quality and reputation of inspection stations by requiring that future vehicle inspectors have recognized training in the trades, in addition to work experience.

The benefits of the Journeyperson requirement include:

- Customer satisfaction
- Quality of inspection
- Alignment with Body Integrity Inspection Program
- Alignment with other jurisdictions
- Elimination of inspector work history review
- Elimination of written test requirement



Impact

There will be minimal impact to existing inspection stations, as existing qualified mechanics will **not** see their status change.

Qualified mechanic permit holders who face sanctions as a result of poor performance or fraudulent activities, or who are inactive for more than five years, will be required to hold Journeyperson status in order to reapply for a permit.