

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

On-Road Voucher Incentive Program

Helping California's fleet owners reduce pollution

The on-road Voucher Incentive Program (VIP) provides a streamlined approach to replace or retrofit older, high-polluting medium heavy-duty and heavy heavy-duty vehicles with cleaner-than-required vehicles providing early or extra emission reductions. Funds for VIP projects are used to reduce some of the costs associated with replacing or retrofitting a vehicle.

How much VIP funding can a truck owner receive?

For truck replacements, voucher amounts range from \$10,000 to \$45,000 and depend on factors such as the miles traveled per year, the weight class of the old vehicle, the emission standard of the replacement vehicle, and whether the replacement vehicle is new or used. For a truck retrofit, voucher amounts range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 depending on the miles traveled per year and the weight class of the vehicle.

Who can take advantage of VIP?

Eligible applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Fleet size of ten or fewer on-road heavy-duty diesel vehicles;
- Own a 2002 or older model year diesel engine for a replacement voucher or own a 1994 to 2006 model year diesel engine for a retrofit voucher;
- Truck must be owned and operated in California for each of the previous two years (partial registration for three months per year may still be eligible);
- Truck must be registered with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 19,500 pounds; and
- At least 75 percent of the miles traveled or fuel consumed over the last two years must have been in California.
- Note: Trucks can be based in and operate in any part of California.

Are drayage trucks eligible for VIP funding?

No. However, if the existing truck operated as a drayage truck it may be eligible for VIP funding as long as the replacement or retrofitted truck does not engage in drayage activities during the voucher or contract term.

What replacement vehicles are eligible for VIP?

New or used 2007 or newer model year vehicle with a California certified engine (1.20 g/bhp-hr NOx and 0.01 g/bhp-hr PM or cleaner) purchased through a participating dealership.

What retrofit devices are eligible for VIP?

ARB verified devices for the specific engine family in the existing vehicle that achieve the highest level of Particulate Matter (PM) reductions (Level 3: 85 percent) and the highest level of Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) reductions available. Retrofit devices must be purchased and installed through a participating retrofit installer.

Where can you apply for VIP funding?

Truck owners can go to a participating dealership or retrofit installer; To locate a participating dealer or installer, go to: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/voucher/voucher.htm.

Note: Truck owners may be eligible to combine VIP funding with ARB's loan guarantee program. For more information, go to www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/truckstop/funding/loans_fa.htm.

When is VIP funding available?

VIP funding is available now, statewide.

What is the process for applying for funds?

- The buyer fills out and submits a completed application and required documentation to a participating dealership or retrofit installer.
- The dealership or retrofit installer forwards the application to a participating air district.
- The air district evaluates and approves a completed voucher application within five business days.
- Note: The owner is responsible for the cost of the vehicle or retrofit device minus the voucher award amount.

Are there any other participant requirements?

Yes. The participant must agree to the following terms:

- Operate the vehicle at least 75% of the time within California for three years;
- Allow the Air Resources Board to verify registration and inspect the vehicle for three years;
- Return annual usage surveys as requested by the air district for three years.

What happens to the old vehicle in a replacement project?

The old vehicle is destroyed.

For more information

To learn more about the Voucher Incentive Program or to find information about participating dealerships or retrofit installers, visit: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/voucher/voucher.htm. For more information on the Voucher Incentive Program and other incentive and loan programs for on-road vehicles and off-road equipment, visit www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop or contact the Air Resources Board at 866-6-DIESEL (866-634-3735).

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