



## 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 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 \$5,000 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 \$1,000 to \$10,000 depending on the miles traveled per year and the weight class of the vehicle. Funding also depends on the future compliance date to retrofit or replace the vehicle. The fleet must currently be compliant with all applicable federal, state, and local air quality rules and regulations.

### Who can take advantage of VIP?

Eligible applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- The fleet is currently compliant with all applicable federal, state, and local air quality rules and regulations;
- Fleet size of ten or fewer on-road heavy-duty diesel vehicles;
- Own a 2006 or older model year diesel engine;
- Truck must be owned and operated in California for each of the previous two years (partial registration for three to six continuous months per year may still be eligible);
- Truck must be registered with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds; and
- At least 75 percent of the miles traveled or fuel consumed over the last two years must have been in California.
- Note: Some local requirements may apply.

### 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.

### When is VIP funding available?

VIP is funded with Carl Moyer program funds at the air district discretion. The Moyer Program provides about \$60 million for projects each year statewide from tire fees and smog impact vehicle registration fees.

### Where can someone apply for VIP funding?

Contact a [Participating Dealership or Retrofit Installer](#) to see if funding is available or if local requirements apply.

Current dealerships and retrofit installers participating in the VIP:

- [San Diego County Air Pollution Control District VIP](#)
- [South Coast Air Quality Management District VIP](#)
- [Bay Area Air Quality Management District VIP](#)
- [North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District VIP](#)

For more information [email](mailto:8666diesel@arb.ca.gov) the Air Resources Board Diesel Hotline at [8666diesel@arb.ca.gov](mailto:8666diesel@arb.ca.gov) or call 866-6DIESEL or (866) 634-3735.

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](http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/truckstop/funding/loans_fa.htm).

### **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 (NO<sub>x</sub>) reductions available. Retrofit devices must be purchased and installed through a participating retrofit installer.

### **What replacement vehicles are eligible for VIP?**

Eligible replacement vehicles may be either of the following and must be purchased by a participating dealership:

- New 2010 or newer engine model year vehicle with a California certified engine (0.50 g/bhp hr NO<sub>x</sub> and 0.01 g/bhp hr PM or cleaner)
- Used 2007 or newer engine model year vehicle with a California certified engine (1.20 g/ bhp hr NO<sub>x</sub> and 0.01 g/bhp hr PM or cleaner)

### **What is the process for applying for funds?**

- The buyer fills out and submits a completed application and required documentation at 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 fifteen 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 reports 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](http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/voucher/voucher.htm).

For more information on other incentive and loan programs for on-road vehicles, visit [www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop](http://www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop) or contact the Air Resources Board at 866-6-DIESEL (866-634-3735).

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