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			Program Information: https://richmondcc.edu/academics/programs/vehicle-safety-inspection					
State	Meets educational Requirements	Does not meet educational requirements	State	Meets educational Requirements	Does not meet educational requirements	State	Meets educational Requirements	Does not meet educational requirements
Alabama		*	Nebraska		*			
Alaska		*	Nevada		*			
American Samoa		*	New Hampshire		*			
Arizona		*	New Jersey		*			
Arkansas		*	New Mexico		*			
California		*	New York		*			
Colorado		*	North Carolina	*				
Connecticut		*	North Dakota		*			
Delaware		*	Northern Mariana Islands		*			
Florida		*	Ohio		*			
Georgia		*	Oklahoma		*			
Guam		*	Oregon		*			
Hawaii		*	Pennsylvania		*			
Idaho		*	Puerto Rico		*			
Illinois		*	Rhode Island		*			
Indiana		*	South Carolina		*			
Iowa		*	South Dakota		*			
Kansas		*	Tennessee		*			
Kentucky		*	Texas		*			
Louisiana		*	US Virgin Islands		*			
Maine		*	Utah		*			
Maryland		*	Vermont		*			
Massachusetts		*	Virginia		*			
Michigan		*	Washington		*			
Minnesota		*	West Virginia		*			
Mississippi		*	Wisconsin		*			
Missouri		*	Wyoming		*			
Montana		*						

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Comments:

Vehicle safety inspectors must earn a certification or license in his/her state to practice. Each state sets its own requirements for becoming a certified or licensed vehicle safety inspector, but all generally have similar qualifications.

Each state requires the inspector to submit an application for licensure or certification that includes basic biographical and employment information, as well as documentation of education, experience, or training courses. Additionally, a vehicle safety inspector must be 17 or 18 years old, depending on the state.

The applicant should be able to read, write and understand English in order to fill out inspection reports and certificates. Each state has its own manual of regulations covering vehicle inspections that an inspector must read and review before taking a certification test.

Once the inspector earns the license, he may have to maintain it by reapplying every one to three years. Other requirements include no felonies on record in the past five years and a valid driver's license.

Information current as of 4/01/2026