

1 19A NCAC 03D .0521 is proposed for reoption without substantive changes as follows:

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3 **19A NCAC 03D .0521 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**
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5 ~~(a) No application for appointment as a safety equipment or safety equipment exhaust emissions inspection station or~~
6 ~~self inspector shall be approved unless the requirements are met as set out in this Section.~~

7 ~~(b)(a) To become a North Carolina Safety Inspector, an individual must shall: attend and pass an eight hour Safety~~
8 ~~Inspection Course offered by a North Carolina Community College. An individual must pass a written examination~~
9 ~~with a score of no less than 80% correct answers. An additional eight hour Emissions Inspection course is required~~
10 ~~if the individual desires to be licensed as an Emissions Inspector. This certification process requires that a person~~
11 ~~have the ability to read and write. No oral exams shall be given as allowed in CFR 51 Part 40.~~

12 (1) attend and pass an eight-hour Safety Inspection Course offered by a North Carolina Community
13 College; and

14 (2) pass a written examination with a score of no less than 80 percent correct answers.

15 (b) No oral exams shall be allowed.

16 ~~(c) Based upon the An application for an inspection station or inspection mechanic license and the results of~~
17 ~~investigations made, each applicant shall be approved or disapproved in accordance with G.S. 93-B-8.1, for licensing.~~
18 ~~Each applicant approved shall be notified by mail and furnished without charge with the appropriate station license or~~
19 ~~inspection mechanic license. Inspection station licenses shall be valid only for the place of business set forth in the~~
20 ~~application. Each inspection station shall notify the Division License and Theft Bureau of the name and inspection~~
21 ~~license number of each inspection mechanic the station employs prior to allowing the inspection mechanic to perform~~
22 ~~any inspections at that station. The notice shall be on a form supplied by the Division License and Theft Bureau and~~
23 ~~shall be signed endorsed by the station owner and the inspection mechanic. The notice shall be submitted to the~~
24 ~~Division by personal delivery to the local Division inspector or by registered or certified mail addressed to the~~
25 ~~Division's district office for the district in which the station is located. If any licensed inspection mechanic leaves the~~
26 ~~employment of a safety equipment station, station the inspection station shall notify the local Division License and~~
27 ~~Theft Bureau inspector of that fact in writing within three days after the inspection mechanic's employment is~~
28 ~~terminated. An inspection mechanic license shall be valid only for the person in whose name it is issued. Upon~~
29 ~~request, the inspection mechanic shall present his license to any Division inspector who is conducting an audit of the~~
30 ~~mechanic or the station at which the mechanic is employed.~~

31 ~~(d) Pursuant to G.S. 143-215.107A, no No Safety Inspection Station shall inspect any gasoline powered vehicle,~~
32 ~~vehicle of a 1975 model year or newer excluding the initial year model the three most recent model years with less~~
33 ~~than 70,000 miles, if the vehicle is registered or based in a county participating in the exhaust emission inspection~~
34 ~~program unless the station has an exhaust emission analyzer to conduct exhaust emissions inspections. Owners of~~
35 ~~vehicles registered in a county participating in the exhaust emission program but based and operated outside the county~~
36 ~~may submit a request in writing on forms furnished by to the division License and Theft Bureau an exemption from~~
37 ~~the exhaust emission inspection. The forms requesting request for an exemption shall contain confirmation a~~

1 ~~certification to the effect that~~ the vehicle for which the exemption is requested is registered in an emission inspection
2 ~~county~~ county, but is permanently based and operated exclusively outside of the county in which it is registered. The
3 ~~Division License and Theft Bureau~~ shall approve and issue a written exemption for the vehicle upon receipt of
4 ~~supporting documentation~~ by the vehicle owner used to show the owner or operator's claim the vehicle is permanently
5 ~~and exclusively based outside the registered county.~~ an exemption request form that is signed by the vehicle owner.
6 A new exemption shall be requested and approved in accordance with this Rule for each inspection period. Safety
7 Inspections stations may conduct the safety equipment inspection in lieu of a safety and emission inspection ~~the regular~~
8 ~~manner.~~ Vehicles exempted from ~~exhaust~~ emission inspection because they are based outside of the county
9 participating in the ~~exhaust~~ emission program ~~shall~~ must have a copy of the approved exemption form in the vehicle
10 at all times.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 20-2; 20-39; ~~20-183.3~~; 20-183.4; 20-183.4A;*
13 *Eff. October 1, ~~1994~~.1994;*
14 *Readopted Eff. _____, 2021.*
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