

Introduction of electric vehicle maintenance service to registration schemes for vehicle maintenance (with photos)

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) announced today (July 22) the introduction of electric vehicle (EV) maintenance service to the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics and the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops (registration schemes), marking a significant step for the vehicle maintenance industry to keep pace with developments and cope with the local demand for EV maintenance service.

In view of the increasing demand for EV maintenance, the Government and the Vehicle Maintenance Technical Advisory Committee (VMTAC) earlier carried out a study on the introduction of EV maintenance service to the existing registration schemes. Making reference to the practices of other places and taking into account the local situation, the VMTAC has established the criteria for EV maintenance training programmes, the registration requirements for vehicle mechanics and workshops to carry out EV maintenance service, etc. It has also compiled the Practice Guidelines for Electric Vehicle Maintenance, which recommend the facilities required for carrying out EV maintenance service, including personal protective equipment, first-aid equipment, fire protection facilities and venue setting, as well as testing and maintenance tools.

Under the registration schemes, EV maintenance service will be categorised into three levels, namely elementary, low voltage and high voltage. Registered vehicle mechanics will be qualified to carry out the corresponding EV maintenance service after completing the relevant training programmes. So far, the VMTAC has endorsed eight EV maintenance training programmes from four institutes, namely the Vocational Training Council, the Occupational Safety and Health Council, the Kowloon Motor Bus Academy and the Guangzhou Communications Technician Institute. As of mid-July this year, over 350 mechanics have completed the training programmes. Registered vehicle maintenance workshops will receive an associated EV maintenance workshop identification signage after fulfilling the registration requirements for EV maintenance service.

The Government and the VMTAC will continue to collaborate with the trade to keep pace with vehicle maintenance developments, provide more training opportunities and attract new talent to the industry to ensure a sustainable and healthy development of the industry.

For more details on the EV maintenance service, please visit the EMSD website:
(www.emsd.gov.hk/en/supporting_government_initiatives/registration_scheme_for_vehicle_maintenance/electric_vehicle_maintenance_service_scope/index.html).

