



APPLICABLE FEES

Fees for Vehicular Emission Testing Centres (VETCs)

Item	Fee (KES)
Application fee for designation of a Mobile Source Testing Centre	50,000
Annual Operational Licence fee	100,000

Vehicular Emissions Testing Fees

Vehicle Category	Fee (KES)
Motorcycles and tricycles	1,000
Motor vehicles below 3.5 tonnes	5,000
Vehicles between 3.5 and 7 tonnes	10,000
Vehicles above 7 tonnes	20,000



@NemaKenya

National Environment Management Authority
Popo Road, South C, off Mombasa Road
P.O Box 67839, Nairobi Kenya
Mobile: 0724 253398, 0735 013046
Email: info@nema.go.ke

www.nema.go.ke

MANAGEMENT OF VEHICULAR EMISSIONS IN KENYA



nema

mazingira yetu | uhai wetu | wajibu wetu

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
AND COORDINATION (AIR QUALITY)
REGULATIONS, 2024**

INTRODUCTION

Vehicular emissions release harmful pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, hydrocarbons, and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), which degrade air quality and pose serious risks to human health.

Prolonged exposure to these pollutants is associated with respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular diseases, and reduced overall quality of life. In addition, transport-related emissions contribute to climate change, further compounding environmental challenges.

JUSTIFICATION

Kenya has experienced rapid growth in the transport sector over the last two decades due to urbanization, population growth, and economic development. The increasing number of motor vehicles on Kenyan roads has improved mobility, trade, and access to services.

However, this growth has also led to a significant rise in vehicular emissions, which have become a major source of air pollution in the country. The reason for introduction of vehicular emission testing is to protect public health and environment.

EMC (AIR QUALITY) REGULATIONS, 2024

These regulations focus on controlling air pollution from internal combustion engines by setting emission standards, promoting electric mobility, and requiring emission testing.

The regulations mandate annual emission testing for commercial vehicles and biennial testing for private vehicles. The regulations enforce strict limits, targeting a reduction in air pollution.

KENYA STANDARD(KS)

Sets the standards for motor vehicle exhaust emissions, transitioning towards Euro 4/IV standards to minimize pollution.

- **Visible Emission Prohibition:** Operating a motor vehicle that emits visible smoke or air contaminants in excess of set standards (KS EAS 1047)

VEHICLE CATEGORIES

1. Cars
2. Matatu
3. Buses
2. Trucks
3. Motorcycles
4. Tricycles (Tuktuk)



DESIGNATION OF VEHICULAR EMISSION TESTING CENTRE (VETC)

Any person or institution intending to operate a Vehicular Emission Testing Centre (VETC) must apply for designation by NEMA through the online licensing platform. www.licensing.nema.go.ke

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- **Emission Testing:** Commercial vehicles must undergo annual emission testing, while private vehicles undergo biennial (every two years) inspection. Owners operating vehicles that exceed set emission standards are liable for penalties.

- **Testing Centers:** NEMA has developed guidelines to designate Vehicle Emission Testing Centres (VETCs) to ensure compliance

- **E-Mobility Promotion:** To complement these, Kenya is pushing for the adoption of electric vehicles to eliminate tailpipe emissions entirely.

IMPLICATIONS OF NON-COMPLIANCE

- Improvement notice
- Retesting
- Pollution tax
- Declared environmentally unfit after 5 years of non-compliance
- Deregister
- Scrappage

PENALTY

Any person who fails to comply with the Regulations commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding Ksh 4 million or imprisonment not exceeding 4 years or both such fine and imprisonment.

