Inspection Extension

Criteria:

Under Public Act 432 of 1982, it is the expectation that a carrier’s vehicle will be prepared to pass its initial annual MDOT inspection. The law does not provide for an inspection extension; however, MDOT is aware that there are extenuating circumstances that impact a vehicles preparation for its annual inspection.

In an extenuating circumstance, a carrier may obtain an inspection extension granting a one-time extension of the vehicle’s inspection expiration date. The severity of the circumstance will determine the length of the extension.

The only Approved MDOT extenuating circumstances:

- A recent accident, along with accident report (taking place within 30 days of the request)
- Pre-planned complete vehicle refurbishment – paperwork needs to be provided.

Application will be denied for any of the following:

- Issues found during the annual inspection process
- Extension requests submitted on or after the actual vehicle inspection expiration date
- Issues that could be resolved prior to the annual inspection
- Cancelled insurance
- Owe MDOT fees
- Other vehicles with expired inspections

Application process:

1. Complete Inspection Extension form (attached and on web page)
3. Submit complete forms to MDOT prior to the annual inspection expiration date
4. If approved, the vehicle will be placed into Out-of-Service status and is not authorized to operate until passing an official MDOT inspection

Late inspections:

An annual inspection is valid for 12 months since the last passed inspection. A vehicle is considered late if it does not pass its annual inspection by the end of the month the inspection expires. By law, a $500 late inspection fee must be charged for each late inspection. This fee must be paid before that vehicle can be inspected and put back in service.