

# CNG Truck Use & Purchase

## New CA ACF Rule

CARB's [Advanced Clean Fleets \(ACF\)](#) rule adopted in 2023 allows entities with CNG trucks in their California fleet prior to January 1, 2024 to continue to operate those trucks. Even better, ACF allows for the purchase of new CNG trucks under several pathways.

CNG trucks fueled by renewable natural gas (RNG) are a readily available alternative to “legacy” diesel trucks that can immediately help fleets meet their sustainability goals. These trucks are a low carbon, cost-effective, CARB-certified option with a built-out fueling network. Check out the following options.

### High Priority & Federal Fleets

[Default Model Year Schedule](#). You can continue to use your existing CNG truck through the year it exceeds its statutory Useful Life. After January 1, 2024, you will only be able to add new CNG trucks to your California fleet with a CARB-issued exemption, unless you purchased it prior to the effective date of the ACF regulation.

[Optional ZEV Milestone Pathway](#). You can purchase new CNG trucks for your fleet if you have met your Milestone Group requirement, which can be achieved with any mix of trucks in your specified Group.

### State & Local Governments

[Existing CNG Trucks](#). You can continue to operate your existing CNG truck as long as you want because public fleets are not subject to the SB 1 Useful Life requirement.

[Truck Purchases](#). Beginning January 1, 2024, CNG trucks can be purchased without exemption through 2027 as long as they are no more than 50% of the fleet additions in a given year. State or local government agencies with ten or fewer trucks or those servicing a designated low-population county can add CNG trucks to their fleet until 2027.

There is no mandated retirement of your CNG trucks under this section of the ACF.

### Smaller Fleets

Fleets with [less than 50 trucks or less than \\$50 million](#) in total gross annual revenues are generally not subject to the ACF and can continue to purchase CNG trucks, except for those under common ownership and control, if the aggregate truck count of the controlling entity is 50 or greater.

### Drayage Fleets

[Existing CNG drayage trucks](#) registered in the CARB Online System prior to January 1, 2024 can continue to operate until January 1, 2035 if the truck visits a California seaport or intermodal railyard at least once annually, and does not exceed its Useful Life threshold.

[Truck Purchases](#). New CNG trucks cannot be registered and added into the CARB Online System beginning January 1, 2024. Starting in 2035, only zero-emission drayage trucks will be allowed for service in California.

### Compliance Flexibility

[NZEVs](#): Through 2035, near-zero emission vehicles (NZEVs), defined as hybrid plug-ins, are counted the same as zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) under the ACF. Combustion technology is agnostic and can include RNG. NZEVs are not subject to the Useful Life requirements.

[Exemptions](#): Fleets who qualify for and are granted an exemption may purchase CNG trucks according to the terms and conditions of the relevant provisions.

