SUBCONTRACTORS & DROP-OFF POINTS GUIDELINES FOR REGISTERING

If you or your company performs a repair or installation on the listed equipment, accept a product for repair, accept the request for the repair or installation, or bill the customer for the work, you must hold a valid registration issued by the Bureau of Household Goods and Services (BHGS), or the corresponding Bureau of Automotive Repair registration or Contractors State License Board license.

You need to be registered with BHGS if you work on any of the following:

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCES
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Ranges
- Microwave ovens
- Washers
- Dryers
- Dishwashers
- Trash compactors
- Room air conditioners

CONSUMER ENTERTAINMENT & HOME OFFICE ELECTRONICS
- Televisions and home theater equipment
- Personal computers
- Smartphones
- Tablets
- Residential radio/stereo equipment
- Audio/video playback equipment
- Video cameras
- Video games
- Photocopiers
- Fax machines
- Residential antennas (including satellite) – repair and installation
- Automobile radio/stereo equipment – repair and installation
- Auto alarm installation
- Interlock ignition device – installation and service

HOW MUCH IS THE REGISTRATION FEE?

The initial registration fee as an appliance or electronic service dealer is $190, with an annual renewal fee of $190.

The combined initial registration fee if you perform repairs on both electronics and appliances is $375, with an annual renewal fee of $375.
REGISTER NOW

If you’re not registered with BHGS, you’re servicing your customers illegally and may be subject to:

- Administrative fines
- Criminal penalties
- Disconnection of your phone

For more information, call BHGS at (916) 999-2041 or visit our website at www.bhgs.dca.ca.gov.

YOU’RE NOT EXEMPT

Subcontractor: If you are performing repairs or installations on the listed appliances and electronic equipment as a subcontractor or independent contractor, you need to be registered with BHGS, unless you hold the corresponding Bureau of Automotive Repair registration or State Contractor’s license.

Drop-off point: Even if the repairs to the appliance or electronic equipment are not done on-site, you need to be registered with BHGS.

If you’re not registered, call BHGS or go online to www.bhgs.dca.ca.gov to obtain an application for registration.