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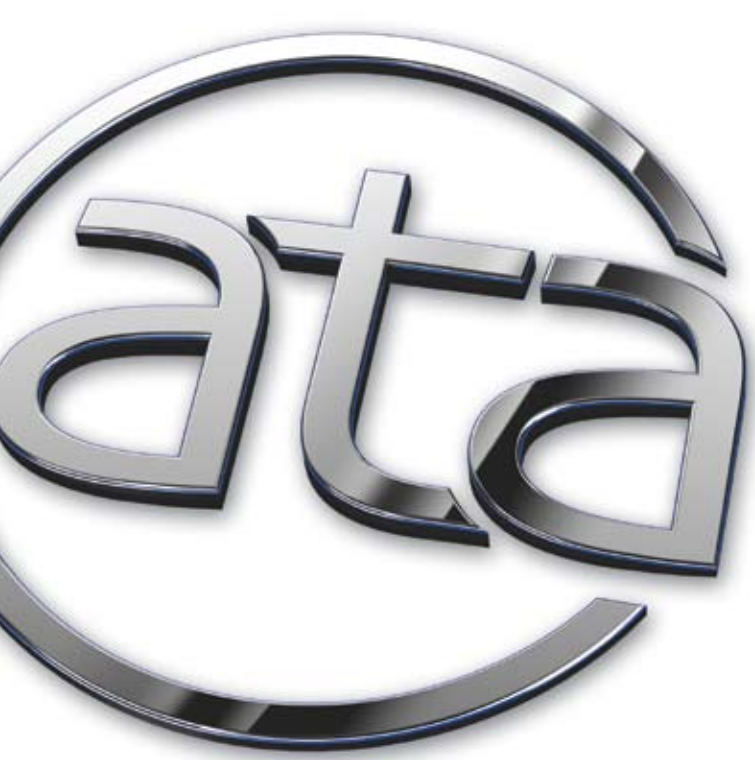
ATA Air Conditioning Accreditation



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July 2010
compliant

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Introducing the first national accreditation scheme to recognise the skills of air conditioning technicians in the retail motor industry

ATA Air Conditioning is an independent assessment which gives technicians the opportunity to gain recognition for their skills, and enables them to demonstrate their competence to both customers and employers. ATA Air Conditioning assessment provides an opportunity for businesses and their technicians to comply with new European legislation regarding the handling of refrigerant gases which comes into force in July 2010.

Proof of professionalism

ATA assessment measures an individual's performance against a set of key industry skills, providing proof of their ability and desire to work to a high professional standard.

Regulated by the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI), the Sector Skills Council for the retail motor industry, this voluntary assessment scheme has been developed with the backing of major organisations in the industry including vehicle manufacturers, component manufacturers and industry experts.

Achieving ATA accreditation

There are three levels of ATA Air Conditioning Accreditation:

- **Refrigerant Handler**
- **Service Technician**
- **Diagnostic Technician**

Assessment levels are designed for technicians as follows:

- **Refrigerant Handler: 3 months' experience**
- **Service Technician: 1 year's experience**
- **Diagnostic Technician: 2 years' experience**

Alternatively, technicians that hold a relevant nationally-recognised qualification and have a minimum level of post-qualification industry experience is as follows:

- **Refrigerant Handler: 3 months' experience**
- **Service Technician: 6 months' experience**
- **Diagnostic Technician: 1 year's experience**



What are the benefits?

For air conditioning technicians...

- **Comply with European legislation and demonstrate environmental responsibility** – be ready for 2010 when you will have to prove that you have the skills to handle refrigerant gases professionally and safely
- **Industry-recognised accreditation** – proving a level of skill and competence to customers and employers
- **Recognition and status** – formal acknowledgement of professionalism, with a desire to stay up-to-date and deliver high standards of service

For employers...

- **Comply with European legislation** – be ready for 2010 when your technicians will have to prove that they have the skills to handle refrigerant gases professionally and safely
- **Customer confidence** – in ATA registered personnel via independent quality assurance
- **Competitive edge** – empowering and motivating air conditioning technicians to deliver high standards of service
- **Training needs analysis** – helping to assess staff training needs against national industry standards
- **Independent assessment** – providing a benchmark for recruitment that can be integrated into corporate training
- **Marketing support** – promotional support via ATA artwork and materials available to employers of ATA registered technicians

For more information about ATA and how to achieve accreditation:

- Visit www.automotivetechnician.org.uk or call **01992 511521** to find your nearest approved ATA Assessment Centre.

What is the assessment process?

To attain each level of accreditation, candidates will have to pass practical assessments and online knowledge tests.

- **Knowledge assessment** – an online multiple-choice test, covering topics such as legislation, health & safety, environment and technical knowledge
- **Practical skills assessment**
 - Refrigerant Handler & Service Technician** – two practical assessments, working through refrigerant handling and refrigerant cylinder handling
 - Diagnostic Technician** – five practical assessments including refrigerant handling, refrigerant cylinder handling and diagnosing air conditioning system faults

How much does ATA assessment cost?

The fee for assessment is set by the ATA Assessment Centre and will vary depending on the level of accreditation. Approved assessment centres offering ATA Air Conditioning accreditation can advise you on full details.





You know you're OK with ATA

Public awareness of ATA is growing, as well as consumers' understanding of the importance of seeking motor industry personnel with ATA accredited status. Since the public launch of our campaign at the 2008 British International Motor Show, the "You know you're OK with ATA" message has been broadcast to more than 30 million people in the UK.

Thousands of people have already used the ATA public register to find their nearest garage employing ATA staff at www.OKwithATA.com



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