

**If you can display this badge you
can prove your competence**

ATA Light Vehicle Technicians



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With the increasing complexity and sophistication of vehicles, and a shortage of skilled individuals, there has never been a greater need for competent technicians.

Properly trained technicians are highly skilled professionals. Automotive Technician Accreditation (ATA) has been developed to enable the identification of them.

ATA is a voluntary assessment programme for technicians working in the retail motor industry. It has the backing of major vehicle manufacturers and independent service and repair organisations.

ATA registered technicians sign a special Code of Conduct. They are issued with a photo identity card, included on a public register on a dedicated website and there is publicity and point-of-sale material available.

A universal standard of competence

ATA is based on National Occupational Standards to ensure that it meets the skills requirements of the retail motor industry. To achieve accreditation, a light vehicle technician must pass a series of tests of practical skill and knowledge, at one of three competency levels:

- **Service Maintenance Technician**
- **Diagnostic Technician**
- **Master Technician**

To ensure that technicians keep abreast of innovations in technology, they are re-assessed every five years to maintain their accreditation.

Automotive Technician Accreditation is regulated by the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI), the professional association and Sector Skills Council for the automotive retail industry.





Major benefits for technicians and employers

- Consumer confidence in ATA registered technicians and their employers
- Proof of current technical competence and ethical responsibility
- Pride and recognition of achievement
- Enhanced status of accredited technicians
- A benchmark for technician recruitment and training
- A recognised development path
- Independent quality assurance
- Marketing support and materials

Accreditation may be achieved via two routes:

ATA approved independent assessment centre

Suitable for independent technicians, individuals are required to complete a one-day practical assessment and on-line knowledge test. The recommended fee for assessment is around £200*, which is payable to the centre.

For successful technicians, a one-off accreditation fee of £50 is payable, which covers the five-year period of validity.

ATA approved manufacturer programme

Technicians working within a franchised business may undertake the required assessments and on-line test as part of a manufacturer's technical training programme. Fees charged by manufacturers are discretionary and may include the accreditation fee.

*Assessment fees may vary and are exempt from VAT.

ATA assessment process

There are three levels of accreditation for light vehicle. Technicians must pass a series of tests of practical skill (listed below) and an on-line knowledge test:

Service Maintenance Technician

- Braking systems
 - Engine electrical systems
 - Engine mechanical
 - Vehicle safety and documentation
- Plus any two of the following tests:
- Transmission system
 - Vehicle electrical systems
 - Wheel alignment and steering

Diagnostic Technician

- Braking systems
- Wheel alignment and steering
- Engine mechanical
- Vehicle electrical systems
- Transmission system
- Engine electrical systems

Master Technician

- Braking systems
- Customer liaison
- Engine electrical
- Instructional support



For more information about ATA and how to achieve accreditation:

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



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 the ATA standard. The "You know you're OK with ATA" consumer campaign 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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