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Government Funded Automotive Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) are proud to work with the Queensland Government in the delivery of the Automotive Industry Pre-Apprenticeship – Collision Repair Assistance to Support Hiring Apprentices (CRASH) Program.

Completely funded and supported by the Queensland Government, the CRASH Program aims to see potential employees of the automotive industry receive basic skills and knowledge to assist in applying for a job in automotive sector. It is specifically designed for school leavers, job seekers or those looking for a change in career direction and comes at no cost to the student.

The training, delivered at MTA Institute's 10-million-dollar state-of-the-art facility, commences on 27 March 2017 and takes place over 10 weeks.

Training includes a Certificate II in Automotive Body Repair Technology, St John First Aid training, Defensive Driving Course, a work experience placement with potential employers for two weeks and education in relation to goal setting, motivation, communication, job searches and interviews.

Marcello Riotto, Operations Manager for Training at MTA Institute, said "It's an incredible opportunity for those interested in working in the automotive industry.

"Completing the CRASH Program through the MTA Institute will give participants hands-on guided experience and they'll come away with real skills and knowledge that will be tremendously beneficial in securing a future apprenticeship and work."

To apply for the CRASH Program, email auto@mtaq.com.au or call (07) 3237 8777.

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Background:

MTA Queensland is the peak organisation in the State representing the specific interests of businesses in the retail, repair and service sector of Queensland's automotive industry located in the State. There are some 13,000 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 persons generating in excess of \$14.5 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive industries to all levels of Government and within Queensland's economic structure.

The Association is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry through the **MTA Institute** - a registered training organisation. It is the largest private automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing many trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba and Emerald. The MTA Institute last financial year accredited courses to in excess of 2 000 apprentices and trainees.

