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Why Automotive Trade Recognition is Important!

We know that in Queensland, the automotive industry is not licensed, but did you know trade recognition is important from many perspectives and is LOW COST?

Using a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) approach, individuals can use the knowledge, work experience and skills acquired during previous (paid or unpaid) work toward the required competencies associated with the relevant Australian standards. There may be a gap between existing experience and what is needed to acquire the trade qualification, so the MTA Institute offers a Trade Skills Assessment and Gap Training Program for the following qualifications.

- AUR30316 – Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology
- AUR30416 – Certificate III in Agricultural Mechanical Technology
- AUR30616 – Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- AUR30716 – Certificate III in Outdoor Power Equipment
- AUR30816 – Certificate III in Motorcycle Mechanical Technology
- AUR31116 – Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- AUR31216 – Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology
- AUR32116 – Certificate III in Automotive Body Repair Technology
- AUR32416 – Certificate III in Automotive Refinishing Technology
- AUR32516 – Certificate III in Automotive Underbody Technology

If you, or your employees, have many years of experience but no formal qualifications, did you know trade certification will be essential in the following circumstances?

1. Employing an apprentice and applying for federally-based incentives. You won't be able to employ an apprentice or apply for apprentice payment subsidies without a qualification.
2. Having an international employee recognised with an Australian qualification. You won't be able to supervise an international employee without a trade certificate.
3. Instilling consumer trust in your business. Customers are savvy these days and are more likely to choose businesses that have certified tradespersons. This is something

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you can proudly, visually attach to your workplace. This is an investment in your business and job security!

4. Applying to become an approved inspection station examiner. A trade qualification is essential to undertake safety inspections, which may present another income stream to your business.
5. When preparing for a career change or promotion or applying for a job where a formal qualification is a pre-requisite. Many government and private businesses require formal qualifications as part of the position requirements. The qualification will also give you an added preference, even where the qualification is not essential. Getting or upgrading your qualifications is a fantastic resume booster. You can take your career to the next level knowing that your skills and expertise are recognised in line with current industry benchmarks. The certification may help you move from volunteer work to paid employment.
6. Helping with staff upskilling. To retain loyal staff, it is important that they are exposed to the latest in learning and technology as part of their professional development. Not only will this create happier staff, they will be a valuable resource for implementing new techniques and processes, as well as using this skilling towards becoming trade recognised themselves.

Trade recognition is very reasonably priced as the MTA Institute (RTO 31529) has state government funding support for eligible participants.

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Automotive Trade Rec - MTA Institute Trainer with Student

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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. There are some 15,500 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 persons and generating in excess of \$20 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 more than 2 000 apprentices and trainees.

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MTAiQ, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland, is a facility offering an eco-system that supports innovation in the motor trades.

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