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New EV Training Opportunities for MTA Institute Apprentices

As battery and hybrid electric vehicles continue to grow in popularity, it is imperative that automotive professionals have the relevant skills and knowledge to safely and correctly service and repair these vehicles.

With this in mind, MTA Institute (RTO No. 31529) is thrilled to announce that its apprentices will now have the option of completing entry-level BEV/HEV units as part of their apprenticeship, increasing their employability and skill set.

This is particularly important as under the new Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme that commenced 1 July 2022, for automotive technicians to access certain safety information and therefore work on specific brands and makes of car, the AURETH101 Depower and Reinitialise Battery Electric Vehicles unit of competency must be complete.

MTA Institute General Manager Paul Kulpa said, "As automotive workplaces prepare for the transition to electrically powered vehicles, these competencies will be extremely valuable to both the apprentice and their employer. It is also critical that apprentices complete the 'depower' unit, as without it they will not be able to access safety data to be able to work on these vehicles.

"MTA Institute places great importance on the upskilling opportunities available for our students – both in the workshop needs of today, as well as future skills which are fast becoming required. We are excited to offer this to our apprentices and hope to see many take advantage of this training."

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Background:

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (**MTA Queensland**) is the peak body representing the interests of employers in the retail, repair, and service sectors of Queensland's automotive industry. MTA Queensland has been performing its vital representative role for the automotive industry since 1929. In Queensland there are some 16,000 automotive businesses employing more than 90,000 people, that generate more than \$7.24 billion to the state economy annually. The automotive industry is estimated to contribute \$37 billion to the Australian economy each year. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to all levels of government. In 2019 MTA Queensland was announced as an ABA100 winner in The Australian Business Awards and a finalist in the Lord Mayor's Business Awards, for Business Innovation.

The **MTA Institute (RTO 31529)** is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry. The MTA Institute is the largest independent automotive training provider in Queensland, employing experienced trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba to Emerald. In the last year, the MTA Institute delivered accredited courses to more than 2,000 students. The MTA Institute is the first trade RTO in Australia to be approved under the ITECA Industry Certification Program and was the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

MTAiQ, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland in 2017, is an ecosystem that supports innovation and research for the motor trades.

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