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# MTA Institute Expands Popular Auto Ready Program to Regional Queensland

MTA Institute (RTO No. 31529), the leading industry-owned provider of automotive apprenticeships and training in Queensland, is expanding its popular Auto Ready program to the regions. High school students from across Cairns, Rockhampton, and Townsville will have the opportunity to get hands-on experience working with real vehicles while exploring the many exciting and prosperous career pathways available in the automotive industry.

During the five-day program, students undertaking the course will learn a range of tasks relating to using and maintaining tools and equipment, as well as identifying and inspecting the mechanical and electrical components and systems of light vehicles, all while under the guidance of MTA Institute's highly skilled and qualified Technical Trainers.

This nationally accredited program contributes three units of competency towards an AUR20720 – Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation qualification, while also earning participants 1 QCE point. Not only this, but the program is subsidised through the Queensland Government under the Certificate 3 Guarantee program. Training is provided fee-free for VET in School students.

Initially held at the MTA Institute's state-of-the-art workshop in Brisbane, the Auto Ready course expanded its reach in 2022 to regional Queensland. Courses were held in Mackay and Dysart, and a partnership was formed with Glenmore State High School in Rockhampton to offer the program at the school's trade training facility. Excitingly, the program is now set to extend its presence even further north!

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Locations and dates for Auto Ready's September intake include:

- Rockhampton | 16 – 20 Sept 2024 & 23 – 27 Sept 2024
- Townsville | 16 – 20 Sept 2024
- Cairns | 23 – 27 Sept 2024

Marcello Riotto, Director of the MTA Institute, emphasised the program's goal of introducing and exposing students to the mechanical side of the automotive industry.

"Given the vastness of the automotive industry, many school students are unaware of the diverse and exciting career paths it offers. From light and heavy vehicles to auto electrical work, motorcycle maintenance, parts interpretation, body repair, refinishing, mobile plant operation, agricultural machinery, and beyond, the automotive sector offers a wide array of rewarding roles. This program intends to provide a glimpse into the industry's work environment, helping students make informed career decisions," said Mr Riotto.

"MTA Institute is committed to supporting and building our future workforce. By offering hands-on training and real-world experience, we aim to inspire young minds and equip them with the skills necessary to jump-start their career in the automotive industry."

Visit the MTA Institute website [HERE](#) for more information and to enrol.

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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.

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**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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