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FACTSHEET

How to obtain an Automotive Air Conditioning Licence

A Refrigerant Handling Licence (RHL) is required to work on air conditioning equipment in any of the following categories of vehicle:

- Passenger car
- Forward control passenger vehicle
- Registrable commercial vehicles
- Any off-road vehicle, including tractors and farm machinery fitted with an air conditioning system of a type normally used in the previous category of vehicles
- Off-road passenger vehicles
- Automotive plant and equipment
- Any other self-propelled vehicle, which has a cabin fitted with a type of air conditioner normally fitted to one of the vehicle types previously listed.

Individuals with the below qualifications will be eligible for an Automotive air conditioning licence (AAC02 Refrigerant handling licence).

Please note:

- for some qualifications, particular elective units are required to be completed in order to obtain a licence
- in other cases, particular elective units are required to obtain an unrestricted licence; restrictions will be imposed on the licence where these have not been completed
- these units may be completed in addition to or as a part of these qualifications
- a statement of results must be provided with (or as part of) each certificate provided as evidence.

AUR20220 Certificate II in Automotive Air Conditioning Technology (and the 2 qualifications it supersedes, AUR20218 and AUR20216)

Units of competency required to obtain an unrestricted licence:

- AURETU105 (previous AURETU005) Retrofit automotive air conditioning and HVAC systems
- AURETU001 (previous AURETU2001) Install air conditioning systems; and/or
- AURETU007 (previous AURETU4007) Overhaul air conditioning and HVAC system compressors.

Restrictions imposed on licence if above units of competency are not completed:

- No retrofit or modify
- No install, and
- No overhaul of air conditioning systems.

AUR32721 Certificate III in Automotive Electric Vehicle Technology

Units of competency required to obtain a licence:

- AURETU104 (previous AURETU004 or AURETU3004) Diagnose and repair air conditioning and HVAC systems

Units of competency required to obtain an unrestricted licence:

- AURETU105 (previous AURETU005) Retrofit automotive air conditioning and HVAC systems
- AURETU001 (previous AURETU2001) Install air conditioning systems; and/or
- AURETU007 (previous AURETU4007) Overhaul air conditioning and HVAC system compressors.

Restrictions imposed on licence if above units of competency are not completed:

- No retrofit or modify
- No install, and
- No overhaul of air conditioning systems.

Any of the 10 qualifications listed below, if the below requirements are met (with required conditions* noted).

- **AUR20420** (previous AUR20416 or AUR20412) Certificate II in Automotive Electrical Technology
- **AUR21416** (previous AUR21412) Certificate II in Automotive Cooling System Technology
- **AUR30320** (previous AUR30316 or AUR30312) Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology
- **AUR30420** (previous AUR30416 or AUR30412) Certificate III in Agricultural Mechanical Technology
- **AUR30620** (previous AUR30616 or AUR30612) Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- **AUR31120** (previous AUR31116, AUR31114 or AUR31112) Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- **AUR31220** (previous AUR31216 or AUR31212) Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology (supersedes AUR31720 (previous AUR31716 or AUR31712) Certificate III in Forklift Technology)
- **AUR31420** (previous AUR31416 or AUR31412) Certificate III in Automotive Diesel Fuel Technology
- **AUR31520** (previous AUR31516 or AUR31512) Certificate III in Automotive Diesel Engine Technology
- **AUR32120** (previous AUR32116 or AUR32112) Certificate III in Automotive Body Repair Technology
- One of the automotive trades listed above achieved prior to AUR05 (2005)
- Successful completion of an automotive apprenticeship e.g. Proficiency Certificate
- Automotive Trade Recognition Certificate
- Trade Certificate with a Trade Outcome and evidence of automotive industry experience.

Required conditions*

Units of competency required to obtain a licence:

- AURETU103 (previously AURETU003 or AURETU2003) Service air conditioning and HVAC systems, and
- AURETU104 (previously AURETU004 or AURETU3004) Diagnose and repair air conditioning and HVAC components

Units of competency also required to obtain an unrestricted licence:

- AURETU105 (previously AURETU005 or AURETU3005) Retrofit automotive air conditioning and HVAC systems
- AURETU001 (previous AURETU2001) Install air conditioning systems; and/or
- AURETU007 (previous AURETU4007) Overhaul air conditioning and HVAC system compressors.

Restrictions imposed on licence if above units of competency are not completed:

- No retrofit or modify
- No install, and
- No overhaul of air conditioning systems.

AUR30405 Certificate III in Automotive Mechanical Technology

Units of competency required to obtain an unrestricted licence:

- AURT222670A Service air conditioning systems
- AURT322666A Repair/retrofit air conditioning systems

AUR20705 Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical (superseded)

Units of competency required to obtain an unrestricted licence:

- AURT322645A Overhaul air conditioning system components (or equivalent) or
- AURT422645A Overhaul air conditioning system components (or equivalent)

Restrictions imposed on licence if required units of competency are not completed:

- Work other than the overhaul of air conditioning system components.

AUR20799 Certificate II in Automotive (Mechanical – Air Conditioning) (superseded)

Units of competency required to obtain an unrestricted licence:

- AUR22631A Install air conditioning systems (or equivalent); and/or
- AUR22645A Overhaul air conditioning system components (or equivalent)

Restrictions imposed on licence if required units of competency are not completed:

- Work other than install air conditioning systems; and/or overhaul air conditioning system components.

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No restrictions.

If you have completed one of the qualifications that has been superseded and would like further information on whether you are still eligible for an ARctick licence, please contact the Australian Refrigeration Council on 1300 88 44 83.

Already have the relevant training and experience?

If you believe you already have the relevant training and experience, but do not hold the required qualification, you may not need to do any further training. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and recognition of current competency (RCC) is a process for recognising that you have gained skills, knowledge and experience from other courses, academic education, work experience and training on the job. To use RPL or RCC to obtain the required qualification from a registered training organisation (RTO), you must enrol in the relevant course and may complete it by:

- applying for partial or full RPL/RCC
- completing a program of training
- a combination of both of the above.

An Automotive Air Conditioning Licence is valid for one, 2 or 3 years from the date of issue, depending on the licence fee paid. Under the Australian Government's Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995 it is an offence to handle refrigerant without a Refrigerant Handling Licence.

For more information on the qualifications required to obtain an Automotive Air Conditioning Licence, visit www.arctick.org or call the Australian Refrigeration Council on 1300 884 483.



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