

Credentials Overview — Automotive Technician



Credential Options

Cost Details

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Entry-Level **recommended*

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Entry-Level certification tests are designed to indicate a satisfactory level of practical knowledge-based readiness for the workforce in candidates seeking a career in the automotive service industry. ASE Entry-Level certification tests are available for the Automobile, Collision Repair/Refinish and M/H Truck segments (series).

Completion Time: Tests can be administered anytime during an academic year, beginning on July 1st and continuing through the following June 30th.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Exam:

\$45/user

Preparation:

Practice tests are

\$14.95

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Professional Certifications

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) offers 52 tests on a variety of subspecialties. These tests are designed for working technicians or service professionals with hands on experience. To earn the certification, applicants must have a minimum amount of work experience and pass an exam.

Completion Time: Exams are available throughout the year; most exams require at least one year of hands-on experience.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Exam:

\$81.00

Preparation:

Practice tests are

\$14.95

Manufacturer Certifications

Manufacturers offer training and certification for technicians who wish to improve their technical skills on a specific type of vehicle (ex. BMW or Volvo). The requirements to earn these certifications vary between manufacturers, but they often require a mixture of extra courses and experience working on the manufacturer's vehicles.

Completion Time: Variable

Difficulty Level: Variable

Exam:

Variable in price by manufacturer

Preparation:

Variable by manufacturer