

# ASE Certification of Automotive Technicians



Twice a year, ASE offers a series of tests in eight different areas for automobile/light truck repair professionals. Technicians may sign up to take one or several exams. Those who pass at least one test and have two years of hands-on work experience earn ASE certification. Those who pass all eight of the exams become ASE Master Automobile Technicians.

If you take an ASE test, the results will be mailed directly to you. You will receive a detailed diagnostic score report.

Upon being certified, you will receive an ASE shoulder insignia known as the Blue Seal of Excellence®. You will also receive a wallet I.D. card and a wall certificate.

Once you are in the program, ASE offers a recertification track. This is your assurance that the shoulder insignia remains a meaningful symbol of your professionalism for years to come. Recertification is required every five years.

The benefits are both personal and professional:

- By taking and passing tough national competency exams, you'll have the pride of knowing that you are among the elite in your profession.
- You'll have the credentials to prove your competence to others: your coworkers, your employer, and your customers.
- You can expect increased respect from your peers and your employer.

Additionally, many ASE-certified technicians report that they receive added responsibilities,

improved job opportunities, and salary increases. They are also often selected for advanced training. ASE testing can be used to gauge the effectiveness of the training classes and courses you are sent to by future employers.

ASE conducts its tests twice a year, each May and November, at more than 750 testing sites. Technicians register approximately six weeks before the exams. Test Registration Booklets are available from the ASE office, as well as other industry sources. They explain testing procedures and policies and contain sample questions.

ASE also offers an *Auto Preparation Guide* upon request. This guide contains detailed test specifications and task lists, more sample questions, and a listing of study materials and clinics.

ASE tests and certifies automobile/light truck technicians in eight areas:

- Engine Repair
- Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
- Manual Drive Train and Axles
- Suspension and Steering
- Brakes
- Electrical/Electronic Systems
- Heating and Air Conditioning
- Engine Performance

The tests consist of 40-70 multiple-choice questions developed by knowledgeable people in the repair industry, including ASE-certified technicians. The questions are down-to-earth. They cover on-the-job diagnostic and repair procedures. They are not theoretical.

Each test will have up to ten pre-test questions. These questions will not affect your score, but since you will not know which ones they are, you should answer all questions in the test. Testing sessions run 4 hours and 15 minutes.

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