



Australian Government
Department of the Environment



FACT SHEET 4

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 category of vehicle;

- Passenger car;
- Forward control passenger vehicle;
- Off-road passenger vehicles;
- 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;
- 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.

Below is the documentary evidence requirement for the Automotive air conditioning licence (2 years):

AUR20212* Certificate II in Automotive Air Conditioning Technology (current):

*Note: Individuals who attain AUR20212 will be considered eligible to obtain an Automotive Air Conditioning Licence excluding: Install air conditioning systems; and Overhaul air conditioning system components. Should an individual require an automotive licence enabling them to install and/or overhaul air conditioning system components, they must also undertake the following units:

- AURETU2001 Install air conditioning systems; and/or
- AURETU4007 Overhaul air conditioning system components.

AUR20799** Certificate II in Automotive – Mechanical – Air Conditioning (superseded):

**Note: For AUR20799, if evidence of having completed: AUR22631A Install air conditioning systems (or equivalent); and/or AUR22645A Overhaul air conditioning system components (or equivalent) is not supplied, the licence will be issued restricting the holder to work other than Install air conditioning systems; and/or and Overhaul air conditioning system components.

AUR20705^ Certificate II in Automotive – Mechanical – Air Conditioning (superseded):

^Note: For AUR20705, if evidence of having completed AURT322645A Overhaul air conditioning system components (or equivalent) or AURT422645A Overhaul air conditioning system components (or equivalent) is not supplied, the licence will be issued restricting the holder to work other than the overhaul of air conditioning system components.



Individuals who attain any of the following eight (8) qualifications will be considered eligible to obtain an Automotive Air Conditioning Licence on the condition they include the Automotive Air – conditioning Service, Retrofit, and Repair Skill Set. This may be in addition to or as a part of these qualifications:

- AUR21412 Certificate II in Automotive Cooling System Technology
- AUR20412 Certificate II in Automotive Electrical Technology
- AUR30312 Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology
- AUR31712 Certificate III in Forklift Technology
- AUR30612 Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- AUR30412 Certificate III in Agricultural Technology
- AUR31112 Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- AUR31212 Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology

Assessed to Certificate II standard by Automotive Training Solutions; or
Assessed to Certificate II standard by Motor Traders Association WA.

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 that 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 enroll in the relevant course and, having enrolled in the course you 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 two years from the date of issue. Under the Australian Government's Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995 it is an offence of strict liability 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.