



Don't miss out on this new opportunity to use Train to Gain funding for your centre's training programmes!

Train to Gain funding can now be utilised for ATA Service Maintenance Technician if this is delivered alongside an IMI Awards Level 2 VRQ/Technical Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Light Vehicle).

What is Train to Gain?

Train to Gain is a Government scheme designed to ensure employees have the right skills to do the best job. It gives the opportunity for employers to access Government financial support to give employees their first full level 2 qualification.

For more information on this initiative and the steps required to secure funding, you can visit the web site below:

www.traintogain.gov.uk

What does this mean for your centre?

If an employee does not have a full Level 2 qualification, through the Government's brokerage system, funding will be available to help them gain one. This includes all training towards NVQ Level 2 or equivalent (equal to 5 GCSEs at Grade C or above).

Benefits for your centre and employers

- Your centre can offer more funded training and strengthen links with local employers
- Employers will have their business training needs identified
- Training will have been given and an individual's performance will have improved, benefiting the business
- Individuals will achieve a dual outcome – the VRQ/Technical Certificate and ATA accreditation
- Up to £1,230.00 of funding per candidate is available, if they do not hold a Level 1 or 2 qualification*

How does it work?

The Level 2 VRQ/Technical Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Light Vehicle) - qualification number 100/5568/X is regarded as a full Level 2 qualification.

This means that if individuals are eligible, i.e. they do not hold their first Level 2 qualification, Train to Gain funding will be available to achieve this.

An innovative method to enable individuals to achieve the Level 2 qualification, by building in ATA Service Maintenance Technician, has been devised by IMI Awards.

ATA assessments form the backbone of this approach and should be used as a training needs analysis to identify the skills that individuals need. This will ensure that you can pinpoint the right training and agree a tailored training package.

To complete the requirements of the qualification, individuals will take the six ATA practical assessments. These provide a significant amount of evidence for achievement of the qualification on successful completion.

In addition, during any training, each individual will carry out five written phase tests, six on-line tests and six additional practical assessments, conducted in the training centre or workplace.

Centre prerequisites

Centres wishing to provide this must be approved by IMI Awards to deliver the IMI Awards Level 2 VRQ/Technical Certificate and an ATA Service Maintenance Technician.

If your centre is not ATA approved, funding could be split with a local ATA Approved Assessment Centre to achieve the required outcome if necessary.

Candidates must be 19 or over to meet Train to Gain rules and have no formal Level 2 qualification.

Application for Train to Gain funding

Training providers must approach local LSCs with a plan of training and assessments using the IMI Awards Level 2 VRQ/Technical Certificate and ATA Service Maintenance Technician assessments.

*Details of the funding available can be seen on the Learning and Skills Council Learning Aims Database (LAD) by viewing the website page below:

<http://providers.lsc.gov.uk/LAD/aims/searchcriteria.asp>

Input - AIM ref: 1005568X and click on the "Search" button at the top for full details.

The combined elements of the Level 2 VRQ/Technical Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair and ATA Service Maintenance Technician assessment required are detailed below.

ATA Test No.	Assessment
01/02	Braking
02/02	Engine Electrical
03/02	Engine Mechanical
05/02	Vehicle Electrical
06/02	Wheel Alignment
07/02	Vehicle Inspection
	On-line theory test

VRQ/Tech Cert	Practical Assessments
1	Carryout 2 Year (20,000 mile) Vehicle Service
2	Remove and Replace Camshaft
5	Remove and Replace Ignition Distributor
11	Remove and Replace MacPherson Strut Assembly
14	Remove and Replace Front Drive Shaft
15	Remove and Replace Clutch Assembly

The registration fee is just £100 per candidate, which covers both the VRQ and ATA registration costs.

If you would like to take advantage of this exciting new funding opportunity, please contact your IMI Awards External Verifier or ATA Moderator.