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501/1010/X  Level 1 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance

OVERVIEW

• What does this qualification cover?

This is an introductory qualification which will help those who want to start a career in the retail motor industry develop the skills and the knowledge required to become a qualified professional.

This is a good starting point for those learners who are not familiar with the retail motor industry yet and are considering taking up and apprenticeship or a qualification that will allow them to progress into a level 2 qualification to become an automotive technician.

For this purpose, around 90% of the learning time will be focused on gaining the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to carry out vehicle maintenance activities. They will learn about the day-to-day activities which take place in a garage working on different vehicles such as cars, vans and motorcycles and gaining an understanding of how the different mechanical and electrical systems and components operate and are maintained.

The additional 10% learning time is focused on employability and personal development skills such as career planning and application skills, personal skills, community projects, etc to ensure that learners are also equipped with these other important skills so highly valued by employers.

This is a framework qualification.

• Who could take this qualification?

There are no age restrictions or need to hold any previous qualifications or experience, although some learners may have already taken our 500/8514/1 Entry level Diploma in Vehicle Systems (Entry 3) as an introductory qualification to this sector.

There is another qualification at level 1, our 500/8862/2 Level 1 Diploma in Vehicle Systems Maintenance which is more suited for learners with learning disabilities for whom a ‘hands on’ learning approach is more suited according to their own special learning styles.

In contrast, this qualification, our 501/1010/X Level 1 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance, is more suited when learners would like to take a pre-apprenticeship course which will
allow them to move faster into a full level 2 qualification or intermediate apprenticeship programme.

It involves more classroom based training and advanced online assessment methods inline with the requirements of any of the level 2 qualifications they would be able to progress on upon completion. It is specially designed for those learners who already have achieved sound results during their GCSEs and can build on that base progressive vocational learning on the automotive sector.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

There are multiple progression opportunities into further training depending on the type of vehicle the learner would like to specialise in.

Qualifications which may be taken to progress into higher level depending on vehicle are:

500/9707/6  Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles
500/9982/6  Level 2 Diploma in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles
501/0288/6  Level 2 Diploma in Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair Principles
501/0748/3  Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles
600/1449/0  Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Specialist Tyre Fitting Principles
501/0132/8  Level 2 Diploma in Auto Electrical and Mobile Electrical Principles

In addition, they could also progress into employment by taking up an intermediate level apprenticeship in maintenance and repair focused on their vehicle of choice, that is, light vehicle, heavy vehicle, motorcycle, etc.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

The following providers support this qualification as it allows learners to work to their own ability and show progression to the next level within the industry nationally:

- City College – Brighton and Hove
- Doncaster College
- SWP Training.