



**Australian Government**  
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## 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
- ♦ Registerable 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.

An individual must have successfully completed one of the following courses to be eligible to apply for an automotive licence:

1. AUR20799 Certificate II in Automotive (Mechanical-AC)  
Individuals undertaking course AUR20799 must undertake electives AUR2263A Install air conditioning systems & AUR22645A Overhaul air conditioning Systems components. Without these units applicants will have a condition on their licence prohibiting them from overhauling air conditioning components and/or installing air conditioning systems or;
2. AUR20705 Certificate II in Automotive (Mechanical-AC)  
Individuals undertaking course AU20705 must undertake a separate elective AURT422645A Overhaul air conditioning system components or AURT322645A that allows for the overhaul of air conditioning system components. Without this unit applicants will have a condition on their licence prohibiting them from overhauling Air conditioning components.

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 enrol 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](http://www.arctick.org) or call the Australian Refrigeration Council on 1300 884 483.