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New automotive qualifications recognised for Refrigerant Handling Licence (RHL)

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has amended its regulations to reflect required automotive qualifications for automotive industry professionals who require a licence to handle refrigerants safely.

The following automotive qualifications are now recognised for granting a RHL under the *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management (Refrigerant Handling Licences—Qualifications and Standards) Amendment Determination 2025*:

1. **AUR32721 Certificate III in Automotive Electric Vehicle Technology**, if the unit *AURETU104 Diagnose and Repair Air Conditioning and HVAC Components* is completed (either as part of or in addition to the qualification).
2. **AUR32120 Certificate III in Automotive Body Repair Technology**, if the units *AURETU103 Service air conditioning and HVAC systems* and *AURETU104 Diagnose and repair air conditioning and HVAC components* are completed (either as part of or in addition to the qualification).

The requirement for these changes was raised with the department by the sector's Industry Advisory group and the Department has listened and actioned the request. The changes reflect the evolving needs of the automotive and air conditioning industries, especially with the growing presence of electric vehicles. The changes ensure that industry professionals are equipped with the proper qualifications to safely handle refrigerants in a variety of systems.

For a complete list of recognised qualifications, visit <https://arctick.org/refrigerant-handling-licence/licence-types/>.

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