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You’ve spoken and we have listened! Here at ASE, we are continually trying to improve our processes to make testing more convenient and a better experience. Along with year-round testing and increased registration windows, we’ve opened 30 new test centers so far in 2015. We now print your certificates weekly, so you can display your achievement and pride sooner. In addition, you can now look for an available seat BEFORE you register and pay for the test by using our new Test Center Seat Locator. Take the new seat locator for a test drive today!

ASE brings value to technicians by providing a professional credential for their trade. For employers, studies have shown that ASE Certified technicians are more productive, have lower turnover rates, fewer comebacks, and better “fix it right the first time” numbers. The majority of consumers recognize the ASE logo and what it means.*

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to ASE.

*Frost & Sullivan, 2013 survey

A recent study of over 5,000 technicians examined the ROI associated with ASE Certification. The results show a significant increase in technician productivity, employee retention and service sales in shops with ASE Certified technicians vs. shops without certified technicians.

- Total parts & labor sales over 38% higher
- Technician productivity over 18% greater
- Tenure (retention) over 300% greater
- Improved KPI’s
- Reduced Turnover
- Reduced Comebacks
- Higher CSI and retention
- Public trust & recognition
- Hallmark of top performers
- Training effectiveness assessment
- Technician recognition
Think ASE develops all of the ASE tests themselves? Think again. A look into how ASE tests are developed.

Developing effective test questions is no accident.

ASE test questions are written in workshops by experts in the subject matter of each specific test. These experts represent a national cross-section of the motor vehicle service industry, including working technicians, training reps from auto manufacturers and the aftermarket, customer service professionals, and educators.

The procedures for writing and validating test questions follow best practices in high-stakes, national credentialing programs. Here's how the process works:

Test questions are developed at test-writing workshops, which typically include 10 to 20 subject matter experts. A separate workshop is conducted for each ASE certification test.

At each workshop, the participants review and modify the existing job tasks necessary for success in a particular job category (such as suspension and steering systems, etc.).

Questions are written to correspond to the job tasks. The diagnostic and repair scenarios must reflect current technology.

Trick questions and manufacturer specific questions are not acceptable. Each question is reviewed by the entire workshop for clarity and technical accuracy, and to ensure there is one right answer and three wrong answers.

When a question becomes technically outdated, it is removed from the pool of test questions.

Even after a question passes pretesting, ASE continues to monitor it. Every question is tracked for proper performance every time it is used in a test.

Based on how well a question performs in pretest, it may become a test question or be reconsidered in a future workshop. Test questions have been validated by subject matter experts and thousands of working technicians across the country.

The questions that are accepted are included as non-scored “pretest” questions in actual ASE tests to determine how well they perform. Since test-takers do not know which questions count, all questions are answered.
A New Composite Vehicle Type 4 Reference Booklet for the L1 Certification Test is Coming!

The ASE Auto Advanced Engine Performance Specialist Test (L1) is an advanced level certification from ASE that has been in service since the mid-1990s. It is geared toward technicians who perform diagnosis and repairs on the emissions systems of modern automobiles and light duty trucks.

Some questions on the L1 test require the use of a Composite Vehicle Reference booklet. This reference is currently in its 3rd version.

In 2013, ASE began the process of updating the L1 Composite Vehicle. Technical committees were assembled to discuss and create this new composite vehicle’s technologies and format. The new L1 Composite Vehicle Type 4 (CV 4) will be used exclusively on all L1 exams starting in January 2016.

The new CV 4 booklet features many improvements. The technical committees have made CV 4 easier to use by adding a table of contents, improving grouping of system information, adding an expanded index for the larger wiring schematic, and including an updated numbering system for the pins in the schematic.

The new technical content in the L1 CV 4 booklet includes up-to-date technology, such as enhanced fuel pump control, air/fuel ratio sensor input for fuel delivery, upgraded knock sensing capability, EVAP system enhancement including engine-off natural vacuum leak detection, enhanced scan tool data PIDs, a variable valve lift control system, and a new 6-speed automatic transmission. The basics of L1 certification remain the same, such as the work experience and prerequisite requirements.

If you need to receive instant results for your L1 test before January 2016, you must take the test by the end of the Fall registration window.

After that, technicians taking the L1 test during the introductory period (January 1 – June 30) will not receive a pass/fail score report at the test center. Instead, they will receive a “Notice of Completion.” Their L1 test result in myASE will show “Score Pending.” Statistical analyses will be preformed and results will be posted to myASE. Technicians will be notified by email that they can access their account, view their results and print a score report. This process will be completed after the close of the spring testing window.

This Fall, ASE will notify candidates eligible for the L1 exam and those technicians who need to recertify. Watch trade publications, your email inbox, social media, and press releases for detailed L1 exam information and webinars from ASE.

New ASE Test Center Seat Locator:

Find a seat BEFORE you register and pay for ASE tests!

You requested it, and ASE listened. ASE recently added a handy function to its website that allows you to browse testing appointment times and availability before you register and pay for ASE tests.

By using this tool, you can compare different test centers, dates and appointment times to find what works best. To take the test center seat locator for a test drive, go to www.ase.com/testcenters and select "Find a Seat."
The ASE Industry Education Alliance: the Business Solution to Your Employment Needs

Formed in 2012, the ASE Industry Education Alliance combines the unique value and expertise of ASE, NATEF, AYES and ATMC. The Alliance addresses the challenge of finding and training a qualified automotive service workforce for today and tomorrow, as well as provides the highest educational standards, credentials, and employer connections to ensure that pools of qualified technicians are available to employers locally across the nation.

The Alliance prepares today’s automotive students to navigate the new success pathways in the industry. It verifies that the industry is being populated with highly motivated, well-educated service individuals to ensure that customers can receive excellence in automotive service. Through the ASE Industry Education Alliance, automotive schools, students, instructors, trainers, and employers all have a platform to keep them networked for success.

The Alliance also helps to provide lifelong support for those individuals who choose a technical career, through tools, educational standards, school-to-work programs, instructor support, ongoing development training for working technicians and much more.

National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation
* Founded in 1983 as non-profit, independent organization
* Mission: to evaluate and accredit entry-level technician training programs against standards developed by the automotive industry
* Accredited automotive training programs in all fifty states.

Automotive Youth Educational Systems
* A school-to-career process for automotive technology students
* Local business & education partnerships
* OE and aftermarket support
* Employability skills
* Structured internship opportunities

Automotive Training Managers Council
* Founded in 1984 by original equipment and aftermarket automotive training professionals for the exchange of training ideas and strategies
* Council of automotive training professionals
* Members use networking and exchange of ideas to improve training techniques and stay current on industry knowledge.

Want to get involved? Email: webmaster@natef.org for more information.
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