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Just in time for the summer air conditioning season, the new ASE Section 609 program has been completely updated to reflect new EPA requirements, including the latest information on R-1234yf, R-744 (CO2) and R-152a refrigerants. For those wanting to update their credentials to the latest standards, the ASE Refrigerant Recovery & Recycling Review and Quiz is available online, allowing for maximum convenience and availability.

Last, but not least, we have changed the ASE testing cycle to allow year-round testing. Whether you register on the first day of a registration window or the last, you will always have 90 days to schedule an appointment and take a certification test at any of the 450+ test centers across the country. This new testing schedule is designed to eliminate the last-minute frustration and improve access to convenient dates and times at the testing centers. ASE will continue the quarterly registration cycles in winter, spring, summer and fall that you are used to. The testing will be continuous, and certifications will still expire in June and December. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to ASE. Please visit our website for additional information on ASE Certifications and ASE initiatives at www.ase.com.
ASE’S REFRIGERANT RECOVERY AND RECYCLING REVIEW AND QUIZ PROGRAM CONTINUED:

Among other things, the 2015 version includes information on R-1234yf, R-744 (CO₂) and R-152a refrigerants, which are three new alternatives found acceptable subject to use conditions in MVAC systems under the EPA’s Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program. Also included is discussion on related equipment, its operation and safety. The 2015 version of the ASE refrigerant program supersedes all previous versions of the program. Although there is no current EPA requirement to take this latest version if you earned a 609 credential in the past, remember that refrigerants and technologies continue to change at a rapid pace.

The ASE Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Review and Quiz Program has continuously met EPA requirements since the federal law first went into effect way back in 1992, and that continues with this latest version. ASE’s approval is shown publicly on the agency’s list of authorized providers at: www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/609/technicians/609certs.html.

In addition to EPA approval, the new ASE Section 609 program meets approval by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) to be in conformance with SAE J2911 “Procedure for Certification that Requirements for Mobile Air Conditioning System Components, Service Equipment, and Service Technician Training Meet SAE J Standards.”

Visit www.asecampus.com to take the ASE Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Review Quiz and earn the latest credentials.

Tools for your Success

One of the most common barriers to achieving ASE certification is fear. Some are so afraid of failing, they don’t try, but you should know that there are a lot of tools available to help you pass your test and earn your ASE certification.

Study Guides:
You can download free copies of the ASE Study Guides on the ASE website at www.ase.com/testprep. Just click on the Test Prep & Training tab to get started. You’ll find detailed descriptions of the Content Areas and Task Lists so you’ll know exactly what to expect on whatever ASE test you’re taking.

Practice Tests:
ASE has practice tests available for A1-A8 and P2 tests at www.ase.com/practice, with more in development. If you want to preview the kinds of questions and get a feel for what the actual tests are like, this is a convenient way to test your readiness. You can try a practice test online anytime to help build your confidence and you may be surprised at how ready you really are!

Test Drive:
Haven’t taken an ASE computer based test before? No problem, there’s a test drive available. It’s free and will show you how our computer based testing works with tips on how to flag questions for later reference and move back and forth for better time management. You’ll find the CBT Test Drive link on the Test Prep & Training page.

Test Taking Tips:
If you’re looking for tips on how the ASE test questions are put together and the best way to answer each type of question, we have you covered. Just click on the Test Taking Tips link, or visit www.ase.com/testingtips and follow the instructions.

Training Resources:
Looking for more in-depth training? You’ll find a list of training providers, too. It’s all on the Test Prep & Training link on the ASE website at www.ase.com/testprep.

It’s never been easier to take the ASE Section 609 program. Just direct your web browser to www.asecampus.com where you can take the ASE refrigerant program online and earn the latest credentials. You can even print out a temporary certificate right away. Employers with multiple employees can take advantage of an electronic voucher program that allows you to purchase multiple program credits in a single purchase, which can then be passed out to employees. To learn more, go to www.asecampus.com.

The world of alternative refrigerants is changing rapidly, so make a commitment to yourself and your customers to stay informed on any news affecting the world of air conditioning service. Just drop by the ASE website at www.ase.com for the latest developments.

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