

# ASE *Fact Sheet*

**Mission:** The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) was founded in 1972 as a non-profit, independent entity dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians.

**Number of Certified Professionals:** About 415,000 automotive service and repair professionals hold current ASE certifications.

**Scope of Program:** ASE administers a comprehensive series of certification exams. The series, and individual tests, are listed below:

## ***Auto/Light Truck***

- Engine Repair
- Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
- Manual Drive Train and Axles
- Suspension and Steering
- Brakes
- Electrical/Electronic Systems
- Heating and Air Conditioning
- Engine Performance

## ***Alternate Fuels***

- Light Vehicles--Compressed Natural Gas

## ***Medium/Heavy Truck***

- Gasoline Engines
- Diesel Engines
- Drive Train
- Brakes
- Suspension and Steering
- Electrical/Electronic Systems
- Heating, Ventilation, & A/C
- Preventive Maintenance Inspection

## ***Parts Specialist***

- Automobile Parts Specialist
- Med/Hvy Truck Dealership Parts Specialist
- Med/Hvy Truck Aftermarket Parts Specialist (Brakes)
- Med/Hvy Truck Aftermarket Parts Specialist (Suspension and Steering)
- General Motors Parts Consultant

## ***Collision Repair***

- Painting and Refinishing
- Non-Structural Analysis and Damage Repair
- Structural Analysis and Damage Repair
- Mechanical and Electrical Components
- Damage Analysis and Estimating

## ***School Bus***

- Body Systems and Special Equipment
- Diesel Engines
- Drive Train
- Brakes
- Suspension and Steering
- Electrical/Electronic Systems
- Air Conditioning Systems and Controls

## ***Engine Machinist***

- Cylinder Head Specialist (Gas or Diesel)
- Cylinder Block Specialist (Gas or Diesel)
- Assembly Specialist (Gas or Diesel)

## ***Truck Equipment***

- Installation and Repair Specialist
- Electrical/Electronic Systems
- Auxiliary Power Systems

## ***Advanced Series***

- Automobile Adv'd Engine Performance Specialist
- Truck Adv'd Elec. Diesel Engine Diagnosis

## ***Specialty Test***

- Exhaust Systems

**Types of Questions:** The tests stress knowledge of job-related skills. All test takers are issued a score report.

**Requirements:** In order to earn ASE certification, test takers must pass one or more exams and provide proof of two years of relevant hands-on work experience.

**Testing:** Tests are administered at over 700 locations each May and November.

**Costs:** The registration fee is \$26. Most tests are \$21 ea. Advanced tests are \$41 ea. Recertification tests cost the same as the corresponding regular exams, with a \$53 maximum.

**Recertification:** Those who earn ASE credentials must retest every five years in order to keep up with changing technology and to remain ASE certified.

**Methods of Identification:** Those who earn certification are issued wallet and wall credentials, plus an appropriate insignia. Employers of ASE-certified professionals usually display the ASE sign on the premises and post their employees' credentials in the customer waiting area.

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