

IMI Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Diploma Level 3

Course Overview

This course is for those who are looking for a challenge in a practical working environment, working on all types of cars. Our one-year course covers all light vehicle technologies at an advanced level, including in-depth practical experience in diagnostic and rectification. This is a stepping stone into various job roles in the motor vehicle industry.

What you will learn

This qualification is a hands-on learning experience. It covers a range of theory and practical skills in these areas. 1. Light vehicle diagnostics and rectification principles of engine 2. Tyres, brakes, steering, suspension, transmission, and electrical systems. 3. Personal and social development 4. Employment skills This course is for improving your understanding of a range of light vehicle systems. It will also develop your skills in advanced diagnostic and repair on all major systems. You will also build a deep understanding of workplace health and safety. You will learn about key tools and equipment. You will also learn about job roles in the automotive industry.

Entry Requirements

Direct entry to this course requires one reference. It is desirable that you can demonstrate 90% attendance at your last place of study or work. GCSEs in both English and maths at grade 4 or above are required, plus 2 further GCSEs at grade 4 including a science or technical-based subject and the relevant level 2 diploma in vehicle repair and maintenance. If you are a current Leicester College student, you must have completed the Motor Vehicle Repair and Maintenance level 2 course, and have GCSE English and maths at grade 4 or above, plus 2 further GCSEs at grade 4 including a science or technical-based subject. Consideration will be given to all applicants over the age of 19 who hold both English and maths Functional Skills qualifications at level 2 and industry experience.

Course Fees

You will be expected to supply and wear personal protective equipment (workshop uniform) when carrying out practical activities. This includes black steel toe cap safety boots and a plain navy overall, which on average cost between £45 and £50.

Course Progression

This course is designed for students looking for an exciting career in the automotive industry. After completing this qualification, you might choose to progress onto a level 4 Automotive Engineering Diploma or you may decide to start your career journey by applying for a job as a Motor Vehicle Technician.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website, or if your school uses the Positive Steps @16 (PS16) application system please apply through this and speak to your careers advisor if you are unsure. You will need details of your qualifications, a reference, and a personal statement to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to a welcome event at the College to meet your tutors, learn more about your chosen course of study and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.

Course Details

Course Code	P00229
Start Date	07/09/2026
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level	3

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