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Drive Forward in Automotive Skills Training - August 2010

Welcome to the Motor Industry Skills e-newsletter produced by the IMI, the Sector Skills Council for the retail motor industry.

We would like to send it to as many people and organisations as possible - if you know anyone who may like to receive it, please ask them to email anns@motor.org.uk with their details.

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Apprenticeship Framework Update

As the current Apprenticeships Framework (Framework 4) is now drawing to a close the IMI have been developing new Apprenticeship Frameworks.

Framework 5.1 will be implemented from September 2010 with new starters being registered up until April 2011. This Framework will incorporate the new QCF qualifications which are based upon the newly developed National Occupational Standards. As an extension of Key Skills has been announced, this Framework will offer the option to enrol new starters on Key Skills or the new Functional Skills. However after April 2011 the Framework will need to change in relation to legislative requirements around Employer Rights and Responsibility, Personal Learning and Thinking Skills and Functional skills (England), Core Skills (Scotland) or Essential skills (NI) and Essential Skills Wales.

Framework 5.2 will be implemented from April 2011. This Framework will potentially be specific for each nation due to the detailed requirements that have been identified. As part of this review the IMI is looking at how the Frameworks are broken down; In order to provide reliable labour market intelligence, we may change the way that Frameworks are developed and implemented - creating more frameworks with less pathways - but this is something that will be up for consultation with the industry.

The IMI is currently identifying individuals that would be willing to be part of an Apprenticeship Framework Approvals group. They would need to understand Standards and Frameworks and be prepared to meet with the IMI. It is envisaged this will be up to 3 times per year.

For more information, please contact Laurab@motor.org.uk or GlennC@motor.org.uk

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Key Skills in Apprenticeships to be extended to March 2011

John Hayes announced at the recent ALP summer conference that Key Skills will be extended until March 2011 for use in Apprenticeship Frameworks.

This will allow providers the choice of offering either Functional Skills or Key Skills until 31 March 2011. The Minister also stressed that this is a temporary measure to allow more flexibility for providers whilst they finalise their preparations for delivery of Functional Skills from April 2011, when the new Apprenticeship Frameworks are due to come into force. Also, for post 19 learners, BIS has agreed with the Skills Funding Agency to extend funding for Wider Key Skills (Performance and Problem Solving, Working with others and Improving Own Learning), from September 2010 to December 2010.

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Functional Skills Support from the LSN

Whether you're already delivering functional skills, or planning how you will teach them the LSN can provide flexible, personalised guidance and support to enable you to deliver functional skills to the highest standard.



If you're embedding functional skills in other delivery areas such as Diplomas, Foundation Learning, apprenticeships, general qualifications or delivering them as stand alone qualifications, the LSN have a solution to help you.

LSN support will help your organisation to:

- * raise awareness and overcome barriers and concerns
- * explore strategies and develop a whole organisation approach
- * manage the transition from key skills and Skills for Life to functional skills
- * review, understand, explore and implement the right assessment for your learners
- * explore best practice to ensure effective teaching and learning.

Why not get in touch with the LSN to see how they can help you?

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Latest Quarterly Industry Update Report

The quarterly industry update provides an up to date view of the retail automotive sector by analysing employment and vehicle sales figures, amongst other key performance indicators.

The UK economy came out of recession in the final quarter of 2009, rising 0.4% on the previous quarter. Positive, though slightly slower growth was also witnessed through the first quarter of 2010 with GDP up 0.3%. Going forward the economy is expected to continue to exhibit signs of recovery although economists warn of uncertainty ahead given the ongoing turbulence in the eurozone debt market as well as a sharp squeeze on public spending.

With regards to the Automotive Sector, the Society for Manufacturers and Motor Traders (SMMT) reported the 12th successive monthly rise in new car registrations in June, up 10.8% compared with the same month a year previously. Overall the new car market has seen stronger than expected growth through the early part of 2010, but a modest decline in registrations is anticipated in the second half of the year as the impact of the end of the scrappage scheme is felt.

[Click here](#) to view both the full and key findings reports.

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ATA Assessor workshops - UPDATE

The IMI are in the process of developing assessment workshops for ATA approved assessors. This is to ensure that all ATA assessments are carried out to the same standard.

Current ATA Assessor routes available are Light Vehicle (Service Maintenance Technician & Diagnostic Technician), Vehicle Damage Assessor, Autoglazing and Customer Service. Further workshops will be developed over the coming months, and will be available once pilots have been completed and approved.

ATA Assessor workshops will be running in July for Customer Service – 27th July, and Light Vehicle – 30th July. [Click here](#) for more information about the Customer

Service workshop.

To book onto these workshops, or to register interest in attending future dates, please contact Caroline Harris at carolineh@motor.org.uk

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Equipping people with the skills for work - Ofsted highlights the ingredients of work-based learning success

An Ofsted report published earlier this month showcases twelve outstanding work-based learning providers that excel at providing apprenticeships, NVQs and other vocational qualifications for young people and adults. Included in the list were three who have retail automotive provision; Gateshead College, Skillnet and Warwickshire College.

The twelve learning and skills providers, from across England, have taken different routes to achieve excellent results but all have been committed to bringing out the potential of their learners, many of whom had previously not achieved educational success.

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Christine Gilbert said: "These providers display a real drive to inspire, challenge, and support young people and adult learners. While their paths to success may vary, they have each made an important contribution to addressing the critical issue of developing skills for employment, while also helping employers to compete in a tough economic environment.

The twelve outstanding work-based learning providers are: Aspire Training Team, British Gas Energy Academy, Andrew Collinge Training, Davidson Training UK, Gateshead College, Hospitality Training Partnership, Intraining, Skillnet, Training Services 2000, Warwickshire College, Zenos and 5E.

[Click here to view the full report.](#)

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Seeking Skillmiles Alba Stars

Following the success of the inaugural Skillmiles Alba Awards at the SMTA annual dinner in Glasgow last year, the IMI will once again be recognising the



commitment and support given by individuals and organisations in promoting skills development within the Scottish motor industry. Since launching Skillmiles Alba in 2009 interest has increased considerably with several new participants registering and the valuable support they are providing being recorded.

Six revised categories of awards are available for 2010 and will be presented by Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond MSP on 4th November. Award categories are:

- * Sole Trader/ Individual
- * Independent Garage
- * Franchised Garage
- * Automotive Group
- * Training Provider
- * Ignition Award

The Ignition Award is a special award presented to an individual or organisation that shows outstanding innovation and enterprise in skills training for the industry, won last year by GTG Training for their Get into Cars programme.

In recognition of the critical part they play in promoting the motor industry, and to demonstrate how much this is valued, a new category exclusively for Scottish Colleges and Training Providers has been included. So now there's an opportunity for you too to have your efforts recognised.

You can register on the Skillmiles [website](#) or if you'd like to find out more contact David Massie, Development Manager Scotland davidm@motor.org.uk or Sandy Burgess, National Manager Scotland sandyb@motor.org.uk at the IMI on 0131 331 4678.

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Walsall College Student Claims SkillAuto 'AutoTech Student 2010'

(Pictured – Rob Smith claiming his AllParts Automotive Sat Nav prize, with Jon Douglass National Manager (England))



20 year old Robert Smith was the highest scoring full time student at the recent Skillauto heats.

Rob said "To be the highest scoring full time student is an amazing feeling. I feel like I have come a long way in the past three years and have gone from strength to

strength and learnt new skills. I'd also like to say thank you to all the staff and tutors at Walsall College for helping me along the way'.

Registrations for the 2010/11 Skillauto Competitions for AutoBody, AutoPaint and AutoTech will open in September.

We would encourage you to enter your students, apprentices and trainees using the online registration. Robs advice is 'For students entering the competition next year I would say, don't be afraid, go in there and give it 100% , do your best and you will succeed...'

For more information and to get involved, please contact Melissa at skillauto@motor.org.uk

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Tech Talk

Technical Training Information

If you are involved in delivering technical training you may find the Tech Talk area of the IMI website useful. To see the latest article on Gasoline Direct Injection- Part 2 please [click here](#)

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IMI Research and Labour Market Intelligence

IMI Research and Labour Market Intelligence One of our core activities at the IMI is conducting research and providing up to date and robust Labour Market Intelligence to employers, Government and stakeholders concerned with our sector. We regularly publish new reports to our research section on the IMI website.

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