



irtec

**Accreditation for
road transport
technicians**

The industry-recognised
benchmark of competence

Assessment centre guide

IRTEC ASSESSMENT CENTRE GUIDE

What is irtec?

irtec is an independent accreditation which assesses the competence of technicians working to maintain the commercial vehicle, trailer and passenger carrying industries. An irtec licence is valid for 5 years and tests both the knowledge and practical ability of an individual.

A voluntary scheme, developed by the Institute of Road Transport Engineers (IRTE), a professional sector of the Society of Operations Engineers (SOE), to raise standards and encourage industry self-regulation in road transport maintenance, irtec is recognised as the industry benchmark of skills and knowledge.

irtec is managed for the IRTE by the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) and delivered by accredited centres in the UK and beyond, this ensures rigorous quality and independent assurance of the scheme. irtec not only enables individual technicians to develop their skills as they move through their career, but also helps employers to demonstrate their commitment to technical excellence.

“ We have almost 1900 accredited technicians, which is tremendous. We were very proud to be the first manufacturer to achieve this independently assessed standard throughout the network... Our customers value the high standards accreditation fosters ”

Nigel Beckett, DAF Trucks Aftersales Director

“ We regard irtec tyre as an accreditation standard of great substance, which is both credible and professional ”

Phil Thirsk, Training and Development Manager, Bridgestone UK Limited

What are the benefits of irtec?

Technicians who successfully pass their assessment hold their licence for 5 years, allowing current knowledge to be assessed with each renewal.

They will also be placed on the irtec Technicians Directory, a directory of qualified individuals and where they work.

Technicians also are eligible to apply for a Halfords trade card, giving them discounts on a range of products and services.

Employers

- Boost customer confidence in vehicle safety
- Gain a competitive advantage
- Identify training needs

Technicians

- Demonstrate commitment to professional development
- Prove current competence
- Recognition of knowledge & expertise

What does irtec assess competence in?

irtec is available at a range of levels, for a variety of skillsets:



Large Commercial Vehicle (7.5+ tonnes)

- Service Maintenance Technician
- Inspection Technician
- Advanced Technician
- Master Technician



Light Commercial Vehicle (3.5-7.5 tonnes)

- Inspection Technician



irtec Tyre

- Commercial Tyre Technician (tubeless)
- Off-site Commercial Tyre Technician (tubeless)



Bus and Coach

- Service Maintenance Technician
- Inspection Technician
- Advanced Technician
- Master Technician



Heavy Vehicle Trailer

- Service Maintenance Technician
- Inspection Technician

How do I get accredited?

If you or your staff would like to join the nearly 9000 individuals who currently hold an irtec licence, the process for arranging an assessment is easy and this guide will help you.

- 1 Look for a centre – use the tables on pages 4-7 to identify a centre which is convenient for your business needs and offers the level of accreditation you require
- 2 Contact the centre using the details listed in this document
- 3 The centre will talk you through the process and book you or your staff in for assessment

The printed version of this document is updated twice a year in the spring and autumn, for the very latest information please check irtec.org.uk which includes up-to-date contact details for all centres. There are also some centres not listed who do not offer open training.



IRTE Workshop accreditation

IRTE Workshop Accreditation is the companion scheme to irtec, and is a quality mark of workplace standards. Your workshop will be visited and assessed by an IRTE Approved Auditor, and then on success, placed on the IRTE Accredited Workshop Register. Having this accreditation shows your customers that they can buy your services with confidence.

[Find out more – visit irteworkshop.org.uk](http://irteworkshop.org.uk)

Find out more and get assessed:

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Thinking of becoming an irtec assessment centre?

We are always looking for new training providers to offer the irtec scheme in their area. The IMI are our approved provider for irtec assessor training, and can be contacted on 01992 511 521 or by emailing bookings@theimi.org.uk.

For non-UK opportunities please contact Daniel Moir, irtec Head of Operations
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