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## **AUTO BODY BULLETIN NUMBER 2024-2**

### Mandatory Hands-On Welding Certification Starting January 2025

This Bulletin is applicable to all Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) Licensees, and those individuals and/or entities pursuing licensure, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-38-1 et seq. and 230-RICR-30-05-02, Motor Vehicle Body and Salvage Vehicle Repair (the “Regulation”).

For the safety of Rhode Island consumers and to maintain the repair integrity of vehicles, the Department and the Auto Collision Repair Licensing Advisory Board (“Board”) have determined that all technicians’ welding certifications required for licensure pursuant to the Regulation §§ 2.5 and 2.6, must be obtained via **a hands-on course only** starting in **January of 2025**. Currently, only a passing grade in a welding theory course is required for licensure.

Current and prospective Licensees should make advance preparations for compliance with this change in technician certification requirements, as opportunities for certification may be limited. For a list of approved technician courses, please visit the Department’s website, at:

[https://dbr.ri.gov/real-estate-and-commercial-licensing/  
auto-body-licensing/auto-body-technician-certification](https://dbr.ri.gov/real-estate-and-commercial-licensing/auto-body-licensing/auto-body-technician-certification)

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