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Technician Certification Classes Expire January 1, 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, to maintain the repair integrity of vehicles, and to keep pace with advances in the national and international automotive industry, the Department and the Auto Collision Repair Licensing Advisory Board ("Board") have determined that certain technicians' certifications courses <u>will expire on January 1, 2025</u>. The aforementioned courses, previously approved to satisfy technicians' certification requirements pursuant to the Regulation §§ 2.5 and 2.6, were recently removed from the approved class list as disseminated in Auto Body Bulletin 2023-02, *Updated Technician Certification Course Requirements* (October 11, 2023). The ICAR courses that will expire and cannot be used to satisfy the technician certification requirements after January 1, 2025, are:

Section 1 -- DAM12, DAM12E, DAM08, DAM08E, BLU01; Section 2 -- MEA01, DAM12E; Section 3 -- WCS03, WCS06E, SPS05; Section 4 -- SPS07, SPS09, SPS10, SPS11, SSS011; Section 5 -- DAM06, DAM15, STE02, STE03, STE03E; Section 6 -- DAM11, DAM11E, RES01, RES02; and Section 7 - CPS01.

Current and prospective Licensees should make advance preparations for compliance with the expiration of the above-referenced technician certification courses, as opportunities for certification may be limited. For a list of approved technician courses, please visit the Department's website, at:

Auto Body Technician Certification

Please direct any questions you may have to the Department via email at <u>DBR.CommLicInquiry@dbr.ri.gov</u>.

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