

Section 609 Technician Certification Programs

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This list will be updated when other technician certification programs are approved. If your program has been approved but you are not listed here, please let us know via our [feedback page](#). Section 609 covers technician certification in the motor vehicle sector only. Becoming certified allows you to: (1) purchase R-12 and ozone-depleting blend substitutes for R-12 (right now, all blends are ozone-depleting); and (2) perform refrigerant servicing of vehicles with R-12, R-134a, or blend refrigerants.

Although you have to be certified to perform refrigerant servicing of vehicles equipped with R-134a, currently, you do not have to be certified to purchase R-134a. EPA, however, issued on June 11, 1998 a proposed regulation that would restrict the sale of R-134a to certified technicians. If you become certified now, your certification will allow you to purchase R-134a if a sales restriction is instituted in the future.

Notes:

- An asterisk (*) indicates that the program offers home study.
- A double asterisk (**) indicates that the program offers training and testing on the Internet.
- Where available, links have been provided to web sites.
- **Note to refrigerant retailers:** Ryder Trucks, Refrigerant Certification Services, Snap-On, Minnesota Dep't of Transportation, Marine Safety Consultants/Tidewater School of Navigation, Rancho Santiago College, Penske Auto Centers (formerly K-Mart) and Geneva Steel formerly offered certification programs. Retailers should continue to accept cards from these organizations.

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