

IMI TECHSAFE RECOGNITION

FUTURE-PROOFING THE UK MOTOR INDUSTRY

The rapid shift toward electrification, automation and advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) is transforming the UK's automotive landscape.

Electric, hybrid and hydrogen vehicles, alongside increasingly complex digital systems and data sensitive connected vehicle technologies are now mainstream. This pace of change brings significant opportunity but also a growing safety and skills. challenge.

A national skills and safety gap

Without a consistent, industry-recognised standard for working on emerging automotive technologies, the UK faces:

- increased risk of injury to technicians
- Rising liability for employers
- Reduced consumer confidence
- Slower adoption of low-and-zero-emission vehicles
- A widening technical skills shortage

IMI TechSafe: the national standard for safe, competent work

IMI TechSafe is the Institute of the Motor Industry's standard for verifying technician competence in hybrid, EV, ADAS, and hydrogen safety-critical and data sensitive connected vehicle technologies. It provides:

- A clear, measurable standard of technical competence
- Ongoing CPD requirements to keep pace with rapid technological change
- Public recognition through the IMI Professional Register
- Assurance for employers, insurers and consumers



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Why this matters to government

- Supports safe, confident adoption of low/zero-emission vehicles
- Strengthens UK productivity through a future-ready workforce
- Aligns with national skills, innovation and industrial strategy priorities
- Provides a scalable, industry-backed solution ready for policy integration

Why this matters to employers

- Reduces operational risk and liability
- Ensures consistent competence across large, multi-site workforces
- Supports recruitment and retention in a competitive skills market
- Demonstrates commitment to safety, professionalism and consumer trust

Our ask

We urge government and employers to work with the IMI to explore how IMI TechSafe can be embedded as the national competence standard for automotive technologies, ensuring the UK remains a leader in safe, skilled, future-focused mobility.

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