

AUR32420 Certificate III in Automotive Refinishing

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of individuals who paint, refinish, repair and maintain painted surfaces on a range of automotive vehicles, recreational vehicles and other vehicles in the automotive industry.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into AUR32420 Certificate III in Automotive Refinishing Technology, candidates require:

- To be an Apprentice who has entered a Training Contract with their employer and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network NT.
- Understanding of basic computer skills, to navigate online learning materials and assessments.

Students will also need to wear work clothing suited to the automotive industry such as:

- Steel cap boots
- Safety glasses
- Protective clothing
- Respirator

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina
Duration*	3 years
Study mode ^^	Face-to-face, simulated workplace, workplace
Dates ^	Start and end dates: January 12, 2026 – December 11, 2026 <i>Apprentices will receive an individualised call-up notification letter.</i>
Attendance ^	Block delivery Stage 1 – 4 x 1 - week blocks Stage 2 – 4 x 1 - week blocks Stage 3 – 4 x 1 - week blocks Monday - Friday 8.00 am – 4.20 pm

* Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

^ Course timetable will be provided on application for the course.

^^ Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
NT Government Supported*	\$4,273.50
Full Fee	\$19,014.30

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic [eligible](#) students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students are issued with learning materials and handouts relevant to each unit during their scheduled block.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to

- AUR40720 Certificate IV in Automotive Body Repair Technology (Not available at CDU).

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Vehicle spray painter
- Vehicle refinishing technician - Heavy vehicle and Industry
- Vehicle refinishing technician

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve AUR32420 Certificate III in Automotive Refinishing a total of 30 (thirty) units of competency must be completed, comprising eighteen (18) core and twelve (12) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below.

CORE UNITS

AURAEA002	Follow environmental and sustainability best practice in an automotive workplace
AURAF108	Interpret and apply automotive repair instructions
AURASA102	Follow safe working practices in an automotive workplace
AURVTP002	Mask vehicle panels and components
AURVTP006	Apply refinishing primers to vehicle surfaces
AURVTP019	Prepare and paint plastic and composite vehicle surfaces
AURVTP020	De-nib, buff and polish vehicle painted surfaces
AURVTP101	Remove paint from vehicle painted surfaces
AURVTP103	Prepare vehicle spray painting equipment for use
AURVTP104	Apply basic colour matching techniques using vehicle paint codes
AURVTP110	Prepare and operate vehicle paint drying equipment
AURVTP113	Prepare vehicle substrates for refinishing
AURVTP114	Colour match multi-layer and clear over base two-pack paints on vehicles and components
AURVTP115	Match direct gloss solid paint colour on vehicles or components
AURVTP117	Rectify and touch up vehicle paint faults using clear over base two-pack systems
AURVTP123	Apply clear over base two-pack refinishing materials to vehicle body components
AURVTP124	Apply clear over base multi-layer and pearl refinishing materials to vehicle body components
AURVTP125	Apply water-based refinishing materials to vehicle bodies and substrates

ELECTIVE UNITS

AURVTN005	Remove and replace adhesive attached components on vehicles
AURVTN017	Repair vehicle thermoplastic body panels and components
AURVTN132	Inspect vehicle damage and determine repair procedures
AURVTN135	Apply original equipment manufacturer repair procedures during vehicle repairs
AURVTP026	Apply airbrush techniques to vehicle body panels
AURVTP107	Touch up minor vehicle paintwork damage
AURVTP118	Rectify vehicle multi-layer and pearl paint faults using two-pack systems
AURTTK102	Use and maintain tools and equipment in an automotive workplace (unnamed)
AURVTN104	Remove, replace and align bolt-on vehicle body panels and components (unnamed)
AURVTN116	Repair vehicle body panels using filler (unnamed)
AURVTP005	Apply rust prevention and sound deadening materials to vehicle body components (unnamed)
AURVTS104	Repair vehicle composite materials components (unnamed)

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.