Qualification objective and structure

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How are the exams assessed?
Completion requirements

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*Oral exam*

The exam is 40 minutes and ten questions are asked by the assessors, 5 from section 1 (General principles of automotive assessing) and 5 from section 2 (General principles of law). Candidates are required to answer all questions and will be assessed on their verbal response to each question. The pass mark is 60%.

One of the questions in section 1 will be the compulsory question and candidates will be required to achieve at least 60% of the available marks to be successful in the oral exam. The assessors will clearly identify the compulsory question during the exam.

The result and any feedback will be provided shortly after the exam.

The exams are held in UK locations twice a year, additional sessions can be arranged subject to demand.

*Syllabus.*

*Qualification updates (under construction)*

*Practical exam*

Candidates are required to complete two physical vehicle assessments using escribe. There will also be one image supported vehicle assessment. For the image based assessment: candidates will be provided with a pre-prepared and fully costed vehicle repair specification including supporting vehicle images and will be required to review the content of the assessment for accuracy.

The assessment will take place over a full day and the assessor will be present at all times. The learning outcomes assessed are:

- Vehicle appraisal and valuation
- Repair methods costings
- Salvage knowledge application

Candidates are required to achieve 70% in all learning outcomes across the three vehicle assessments to pass the practical exam. Candidates including an unsafe repair specification in the repair methods costings will be unable to achieve a pass. An unsafe repair specification is one where a key structural panel/part has been omitted or repaired, or an SRS component has been omitted from the repair specification. In addition incorrect identification of factory fitted safety options fitted to the vehicle eg airbags TCS etc constitutes an unsafe repair specification.

The practical exam can be taken at Thatcham Automotive Academy or DIT Dublin, dates are routinely offered throughout the year. Details can be obtained and bookings made direct via the relevant site.
Bridging exam

The IAEA Vehicle Valuation and Salvage Categorisation Bridging Exam was introduced to align the three year ATA VDA qualification with the content of the IAEA practical and the original five year ATA VDA (pre April 2012) qualification.

Candidates who have a current ATA VDA are required to take the IAEA vehicle valuation and salvage categorisation bridging exam unless a five year ADA VDA (pre 2012) has previously been held. Candidates will be required to provide certification/documentation of the previous ATA VDA.

The bridging exam can be taken at the oral exam centres, these are held in UK locations twice a year, additional sessions can be arranged subject to demand. The exam is taken online and has two parts.

Part 1 involves correctly categorising accident damaged vehicles and part 2 requires correct valuation of three vehicles.

The learning outcomes assessed are:

- Vehicle appraisal and valuation using GlassNet
- Salvage knowledge application using the ABI Code of Practice.
### Completion requirements

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<td>Oral Exam</td>
<td>40 minutes</td>
<td>60% (including 60% of the available marks for the compulsory question)</td>
<td>50 hours*</td>
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<td>Written Exam Section 1</td>
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<td>3 hours</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Candidates to select 5 out of 6 short answer style questions</td>
<td>2.5 hours</td>
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<td>Written Exam Section 3 (Compulsory)</td>
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<td>Written Exam Section 5</td>
<td>The exam comprises of five questions, each main question is made up of five short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all five questions.</td>
<td>3 hours</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>100 hours*</td>
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Candidates must have completed the IAEA practical exam within four years. Candidates who have a current ATA VDA with one year or more before expiry do not need to take the IAEA practical exam but are required to take the IAEA vehicle and salvage categorisation bridging exam. Candidates who have passed ATA VDA prior to April 2012 are not required to take the Bridging Exam provided they are able to provide documentation of the previous ATA VDA certification.

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<td>Two physical vehicle assessments and one image assessment.</td>
<td>Full day</td>
<td>70% in all vehicle assessments.</td>
<td>21 hours</td>
<td>Three day tutor lead IAEA practical examination preparation available at Thatcham and DIT (Dublin)</td>
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<td>IAEA Vehicle valuation and Salvage Categorisation bridging exam.</td>
<td>Three valuation assessments and five salvage categorisation from images</td>
<td>1.0 hours</td>
<td>70% in all vehicle assessments</td>
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*this is an average figure and individuals may find their study requirements differ slightly. For details of the written exam units, refer to written examinations.*