



Copart achieves AQP status significantly ahead of deadline

Online vehicle remarketing company Copart UK are pleased to announce that all 32 of their Engineers have successfully passed the IAEA's Vehicle Salvage Competency Assessment to achieve an 'Appropriately Qualified Person' (AQP) status, 15 months ahead of the deadline.

The Code of Practice for the Categorisation of Motor Vehicle Salvage was updated on 1st October 2017, ten years after it was last reviewed. Alongside changes to categorisation codes, a minimum qualification requirement was established for all Engineers responsible for determining salvage categories to pass a competency-based assessment run by the Institute of Automotive Engineer Assessors (IAEA), to identify them as an 'Appropriately Qualified Person'.

The new requirement, whereby only an 'Appropriately Qualified Person' has the authority to categorise vehicle salvage, comes into effect in October 2019.

Russell England, Engineering Service Manager said: *"Since the new requirement was announced in October 2017, we have worked closely with the IAEA and independent training company PAAS Ltd to ensure that our Engineers are given the necessary training and support to achieve this qualification. I am delighted to announce that all 32 of our Engineers have passed successfully, significantly ahead of the 2019 deadline date."*

Simon Sheldon-Wilson, Operations Director adds: *"I am proud of the commitment and dedication of all our Engineers, who are already ATA, VDA and IAEA qualified, to achieve the required AQP status in such a short timeframe. We believe we are the first salvage provider to accredit all of our Engineers in this way, demonstrating our expertise in total loss engineering and our continued commitment to excellence."*

Notes to editors:

1. To learn more about Copart UK, please visit www.copart.co.uk
2. To learn more about The Institute of Automotive Engineer Assessors (IAEA), please visit <http://www.iaea-online.org/about-the-iaea>
3. The Automotive Technician Accreditation (ATA) is a trade qualification for automotive repair.
4. The Vehicle Damage Assessor (VDA) is a recognised accreditation for individuals whose job role involves the estimating of vehicle damage repairs.

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Copart UK was established in 2007 and sells more than 300,000 vehicles each year through online auctions for a variety of customers including finance companies, banks, dealers, fleets, rental car companies and the insurance industry; as well as franchised, independent and wholesale motor traders.

Members can choose salvage and non-salvage vehicles including agricultural and plant, HGVs, commercial vehicles, motorcycles and more; with thousands of vehicles available to bid on each day.

Copart was founded in the USA in 1982; and has locations throughout Asia, North and South America, the Middle East and Europe, including 16 locations across the UK.

In 2015, Copart was ranked at the top of Deloitte's "The Exceptional 100" list of companies.