



# VDA Accreditation launched by S&B

S&B AUTOMOTIVE ACADEMY, based in Bedminster, Bristol, has been granted permission to supply the VDA accreditation.

The VDA accreditation, which is renewable every five years, is



**S&B CEO Jon Winter**

formed in two parts, an online theory assessment (part A) and a series of practical assessments (part B) that are completed in one day.

Having provided part A assessment since November 2008 offering part B will make S&B

Automotive Academy one of only three centres in the able UK to deliver the qualification.

Once complete, successful candidates will then be entered onto the ATA register and hold a valid ATA ID card for five years, allowing them to provide vehicle damage assessment work on behalf of the insurance industry.

Jon Winter, Chief Executive at S&B Automotive Academy, said, 'This is great news for the academy and follows significant investment to meet the needs of the accreditation requirements. Part B of the assessment process is very challenging to offer, requiring considerable resources and space.

'For many small and medium-sized garages and workshops, being able to carry out insurance work is vital to their survival. These assessments will mean

staff can get accredited to the industry standards, which is what the major insurers look for when they are approving garages and workshops to work for them.'



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To attain VDA accreditation, candidates have to pass five practical assessments and an online knowledge test. They also have to have at least five years' industry experience with a minimum of two years' experience, in an appropriate role





Former S&B Automotive Academy Director Paul Harford, has received special recognition for his work in helping young people get into the motor industry.

Paul Harford, who now works at Dan Harford Vauxhall in Kingswood, Bristol, served as Chairman of Directors for S&B Automotive Academy from 1991 to 2007 and still supports the academy.

Chairman of S&B Automotive, Tony Jolliffe, presented Paul with Bristol Blue Glass to mark his decades of support for the non-profit making organisation that serves the needs of the motor industry, including vehicle manufacturers and importers, heavy truck, van and car dealerships, bus operators, body repair workshops and transport distribution companies.