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United Kingdom



Capital	London
Language(s)	English
Currency	Pound Sterling (GBP)
Surface	243,000 km ²
Population	68.3 mio inhabitants
Population density	280 inhabitants/km ²
GDP	2 825 208 Bn€
Car fleet in 2024	33,500,000
Length of road network	421,254 kms
Nber of vehicle for 1000 inhabitants	494
Time zone	GMT + 0
Persons killed on the road in 2024	24 for 1 million people

AUTOMOTIVE EXPERTISE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Institute was founded in 1932 as the Institute of Consulting Motor Engineers. In the same year, the Institute published its first spare parts price list of several British motor manufacturers, which was soon expanded to include labour times and registration number dates. The following year, the publication was titled the I.C.M.E. Manual, and subsequently became the 'Go-to' reference book, not only for members but the much wider automotive repair industry. It continued to be published for over 70 years.

In 1939, the Institute was incorporated as the Institute of Automobile Assessors. In 1974, the Institute was rebranded again and adopted its present title. The IAEA is a Registered Charity and a Limited Company by Guarantee (not for profit, owned and managed by its Members).

The profession is not regulated by statute, but the IAEA has set professional standards which are applied to its members. The IAEA includes not only UK nationals, but has included overseas members from Republic of Ireland, Singapore, Cyprus, Malta, Australia, South Africa, Cameroon, Spain, Egypt, Kenya, Mauritius, France, New Zealand, Gibraltar and Canada.

Membership of the IAEA represents the 'Gold Standard' for the profession, which is recognised by Courts and the insurance and motor industries. Members are required to have had practical automotive workshop experience, and have passed a series of examinations set by the IAEA which includes insurance principles, law, automotive technology and accident reconstruction. In addition, they need to have passed the IAEA practical examination, which requires candidates to carry out comprehensive assessments of damaged vehicles. Once qualified, members are required to maintain a CPD.

Qualified membership grades are Fellow, Member and Associate, who can use the IAEA and FIEA's post-nominals. Honorary Fellowships are occasionally awarded to non-qualified individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of the IAEA. People who have an interest in the profession, or are working towards qualified membership, can apply for Affiliate grade, but are not permitted to use the IAEA's post-nominals. The current membership and subscribers to the IAEA number 1,250.

The Association of British Insurers requires inspecting engineers to apply the ABI Code of Practice for the Categorisation of Motor Vehicle Salvage to vehicles which are treated as a total loss. The IAEA facilitates training and examinations for members and non-members alike, who wish to demonstrate their competence to categorise motor vehicle salvage appropriately.

The Institute has a wide-ranging website and publishes its own hard copy magazine, The Assessors Journal, published quarterly, which is freely available to read on the website.

A very large majority of routine collision damage inspections are currently carried out remotely.

The UK is regarded as the birthplace of modern insurance, which developed in the 18th century and dominated the burgeoning home and international insurance markets, particularly in shipping. London was also the birthplace of the famous Lloyd's Coffee house, where senior professionals in shipping and finance often met to conduct business including insurance. Lloyds eventually evolved to become Lloyds of London, the home to specialist insurance, international insurance and the reinsurance industry.

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