

Terms and Conditions of AE DataBase Centre

1 Display of Information / Data by the AE DataBase Centre

- 1.1 Members must take great care to match the vehicle make, model, type as well as all other associated identification media with all information / data displayed by the AE DataBase Centre.
- 1.2 It is hereby emphasized that the AE DataBase Centre is not in a position to guarantee that each and every piece of information / data displayed is complete and accurate relative to any particular make / model of vehicle.
- 1.3 The service information / data are displayed solely for informational purposes and are believed to be correct and accurate. However, no warranty or representation, expressed or implied, is made as to the accuracy or exactness of information / data about the vehicles concerned or the consequence attached thereto. Neither the Vocational Training Council, nor any of its affiliates, members, or vendors shall be liable for any direct, incidental, consequential, indirect or punitive damages arising out of access to or use of any content of this site or the content of any site or sites “hot-linked” with this site.
- 1.4 In particular, no warranty or representation regarding non-infringement, security, accuracy, fitness for any particular purpose or freedom from computer virus is given in conjunction with such information / data.
- 1.5 All visitors and members of the AE DataBase Centre hereby waive any and all claims against the Vocational Training Council or any of its affiliates, agents, and representatives arising out of his or her use of its services and the sites and the information available thereon.

2 Retrieval Counting

- 2.1 One successful retrieval of information / data (one ‘hit’) is defined as the retrieval of one set or group of information / data, which is applicable to one particular service to be carried out or has been carried out on a particular vehicle.
- 2.2 Retrieval of information / data for two different vehicles must be regarded as at least two successful retrievals.
- 2.3 Retrieval of information / data for two distinctly different functional systems of a vehicle must be regarded as at least two successful retrievals.
- 2.4 At the discretion of the AE DataBase Centre Officer, the retrieval of information for two different functional components within one identical functional system of a vehicle may be regarded as one successful retrieval if this information is relevant to one particular service.
- 2.5 All members are eligible to have “limited” successful retrievals of information / data in one year commencing successful registration as a member.

3 Membership Types

- 3.1 Three types of membership are established for the AE DataBase Centre, namely:
 - (i) Public member
 - (ii) Staff member
 - (iii) Student member

Public Member

- 3.2 Any individual bearing a valid Hong Kong Identity Card or any company with a valid commercial registration in Hong Kong may apply for public membership. There is no corporate membership level. Membership will automatically be terminated without notice one year after successful registration or after 100 successful retrievals of information, whichever comes sooner. A membership application form may be downloaded from the AE DataBase website or obtained from the centre in person.

Staff Member

- 3.3 All staff members (lecturers, instructors and technicians) of the Automotive Engineering Department are eligible to apply for membership and have their membership fee waived. The membership application form may be downloaded from the AE DataBase Website or obtained from the centre in person.
- 3.4 Staff memberships will be renewed by the centre on or about 1st September each year on receipt of a new membership application form.
- 3.5 A staff membership will automatically be terminated, without notice, should any staff member cease to be employed by the VTC or change job title within the VTC.

Student Member

- 3.6 All students studying full time courses, part-time day release courses and part-time evening courses [excluding short / CPD courses] in the Automotive Engineering Department are eligible to apply for student membership and have their membership fee waived. The membership application form may be downloaded from the AE DataBase Website or obtained from the centre in person.
- 3.7 Student memberships will be renewed on or about 1st September each year, for continuing students, on receipt of a new membership application form.
- 3.8 A Student membership will automatically be terminated, without notice, when a student graduates, drops out, or is suspended from studying an AE course or after 100 successful retrievals of information, whichever comes sooner.
- 3.9 The AE DataBase Centre Officer bears the discretion to suspend or terminate the membership of any student, at any time, without notice or justification.
- 3.10 Subject to full justification provided by a student, and at the discretion of the AE DataBase Centre Officer, a student membership may be renewed before the end of academic year or after 100 successful retrievals of information, which ever comes sooner.

Staff and Student Members

- 3.11 It is expected that both staff and student members will use on-line retrieval of information / data or visit the centre personally. Fax or telephone enquiry from staff or student members will therefore not normally be entertained.
- 3.12 The service provided to staff and students is only to be used for the purposes of teaching and learning related activities. Any staff or student member found to be misusing the services of the AE DataBase Centre will have his / her membership immediately suspended.

Other Staff Members

- 3.13 Other VTC staff members, associated with vehicle related teaching / learning activities, are also eligible to apply for staff membership and have the membership fee waived. All applications under this category would be subject to the discretion of the Principal (LWL).

4 Service Charges

- 4.1 Service charges will be levied on using the photocopying service, printing service and fax service, if available.