

LKQ Academy to expand on-demand training across Europe

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Zug, Switzerland. Independent workshops across Europe are set to gain easier access to the skills needed to service increasingly complex vehicles through a major expansion of LKQ Academy.

LKQ Academy is LKQ Europe's training and development program for automotive aftermarket professionals, covering technical, workshop and business skills through online and face-to-face courses.

The rollout of its new online platform has started in the UK and Ireland, with rollout across Europe expected to be complete by 2027.

It will give technicians and workshop owners 24/7 access to online learning, while making it easier to find and book face-to-face courses. Customers can search by course type, skill area and supplier, manage bookings and payments, and view their training history through a personal profile. Individual technicians' learning records will remain with them if they move to another workshop.

Each market will continue to provide courses and local-language content shaped around its customers, supported by a common European platform.

LKQ Academy currently has more than 7,000 registered users across Europe, with more than 2,000 courses available across 13 markets* and in ten languages.

Domenico Ferrara, LKQ Academy Lead at LKQ Europe, said: "Workshops need to keep pace with rapidly changing vehicle technology, but taking technicians away from the ramp for training is not always straightforward. Expanding LKQ Academy will make it easier for customers to access opportunities for development in a way that works around their businesses.

"Practical training will remain central to LKQ Academy, and by supporting it with more digital and on-demand learning, we can give workshops greater choice over how and when their technicians develop new skills."

Andy Hamilton, President and Executive Managing Director at LKQ Europe, added: "The independent aftermarket is changing quickly, and workshops need the skills, tools and support to change with it. Our role is to help customers navigate that transition, remain competitive and build resilient businesses for the long term.

“Technology and training are an important part of that. By investing in the capabilities workshops will need tomorrow, as well as supporting the challenges they face today, we can help ensure the independent aftermarket continues to thrive as vehicles evolve.”

LKQ Academy is developing new training in response, working with its European teams and supplier partners on content covering emerging technologies.

This includes a proposed blended program with Valeo focused on new powertrains, electrification and advanced driver assistance systems. It is expected to combine short digital modules with practical regional training and a follow-up webinar.

The platform will also show which topics customers are searching for and where demand for training is greatest, helping LKQ Academy focus future investment on the skills workshops need most.

*LKQ Academy is available in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia, Switzerland, and United Kingdom, with LKQ Academy services available digitally in Romania.

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About LKQ Europe

LKQ Europe, a subsidiary of LKQ Corporation, headquartered in Zug, Switzerland, is the leading distributor of automotive aftermarket parts for cars, vans and industrial vehicles across 18+ European countries including the following regions: Benelux-France, Central Eastern Europe, DACH, Italy, Scandinavia, and the UK & Ireland.

With around 25,000 employees and 900+ branches, it supplies over 100,000 workshops through strong logistics, digital tools and training via LKQ Academy, while expanding circular economy capabilities via REMAN, Salvage, LKQ SYNETIQ, LKQ Electriq, and ACtronics to advance sustainable, repair-first mobility.

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