

ASE A6 Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

50 Questions	1h 30m Time limit	— Passing score
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The numbers to remember

- 60 questions total, 50 scored — 10 unscored research questions are mixed in and can't be identified, so treat every question as if it counts
- 90 minutes time limit, roughly 90 seconds per question if you pace evenly across the test
- \$62 test fee plus a separate \$34 registration fee per order, charged once regardless of how many tests you register for together
- Certification is valid 5 years, after which technicians must retest to keep it active
- Recertification is a shorter test: 25 questions in 45 minutes
- Certification also requires 1, 2, or 3 years of full-time hands-on experience (or a combination of formal training and experience) — a passing score alone is not certification

Blueprint areas and weights

- A. General Electrical/Electronic Diagnosis — 13 questions (26%): wiring diagrams, meters, and tracing shorts, opens, and high resistance
- B. Battery and Starting System — 9 questions (18%): battery service and starter circuit diagnosis
- C. Charging System — 5 questions (10%): alternator output, regulation, and charging faults
- D. Lighting Systems — 6 questions (12%): headlight and interior/exterior lighting circuits
- E. Body Electrical Systems — 17 questions (34%), the largest area: accessories, power windows/locks, security, and related modules

Diagnostic quick rules

- Verify the complaint exists before testing anything — intermittent electrical faults often only show up under specific conditions
- Use voltage drop testing to catch high resistance that a simple continuity check misses
- Divide the circuit at its midpoint to isolate a fault fast, cutting the remaining search area roughly in half each time
- Trace the circuit with the wiring diagram rather than guessing at which component is at fault
- Diagnose before you replace parts — confirm the fault, repair it, then confirm the fix actually worked before calling the job done

Top traps

- On Technician A/B questions, read both statements fully before answering — "both correct" and "both incorrect" are real options, not distractors
- Absolute words like "always" or "never" in a technician's statement are usually a red flag, since real electrical diagnosis has few zero-exception rules
- General Diagnosis (A) and Body Electrical (E) together make up 60% of the scored test — weight your review time there first if you're short on time

- A passing score alone does not equal ASE Certification — the hands-on experience requirement still has to be met and documented separately, and it can be completed before or after the test
- Don't stop at the first technician you agree with — the correct answer may include, or exclude, both

Official sources

- National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) — The Official ASE Study Guide - ASE Automobile Tests (2026): https://www.ase.com/wp-content/uploads/ASE_Automobile_Study_Guide.pdf
- National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) — ASE Test Registration and Fees: <https://ase.com/tests/register-now/>
- National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) — Automobile & Light Truck Certification Tests, A Series: A1-A9 | ASE: <https://ase.com/tests/a1-a9/>

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyxamprep.com/exams/ase-a6/practice-test