

**Automotive Service Technician**  
Apprenticeship and Certification Act  
Restricted Trade  
Designated Red Seal Trade

Trade Code 310S  
NOC 7321

### **Description**

- Review work orders and discuss work with supervisor
- Inspect motor in operation, road test vehicle, and test automotive systems and components using computerized diagnostic and other testing devices to diagnose and isolate faults
- Adjust, repair or replace parts and components of automotive systems including fuel, brake, steering and suspension, engine and drive train, emission control and exhaust, cooling and climate control, and electrical and electronic systems using hand tools and other specialized automotive repair equipment
- Test and adjust repaired systems to manufacturer's performance specifications
- Perform scheduled maintenance service such as oil changes, lubrications and tune-ups
- Advise customers on work performed, general vehicle conditions and future repair requirements

### **Personal Qualities**

- Able to work indoors and tolerate loud noises, grease, oil and gasoline fumes
- Enjoy working to close and exacting tolerances
- Have the stamina to be on your feet for long periods of time and must bend down and reach up frequently
- Not bothered by standing on concrete all day
- Have and use physical strength on the job
- Work with computers and computerized equipment
- Review Essential Skills profile for additional qualities required [srv108.services.gc.ca/english/profiles/228.shtml](http://srv108.services.gc.ca/english/profiles/228.shtml)

### **Career Opportunities**

- Automotive service technicians are employed at small, medium and large size establishments such as new car dealerships, used car sales outlets, at stand alone facilities, suppliers or manufacturers
- Automotive service technicians may often work as service advisors or in sales, run their own businesses

### **Educational/Training Requirements**

- The minimum entry for apprenticeship is Grade 12
- Completion of a 6,500 hour apprenticeship program is required
- If you have completed 7,220 hours of on the job experience/training but have not completed the Apprenticeship Program you may be eligible to challenge the Certificate of Qualification

### **Training Availability**

#### Regional OYAP Training

Durham College - Whitby Campus

#### Trade Related Programs

Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship Program for Automotive Service Technician  
Centennial College - Ashtonbee Campus  
Toronto, ON  
[www.centennialcollege.ca](http://www.centennialcollege.ca)

Motive Power Technician - Service and Management  
Durham College – Whitby Campus  
[www.durhamcollege.ca](http://www.durhamcollege.ca)

### Apprenticeship Training

Durham College – Whitby Campus  
[www.durhamcollege.ca](http://www.durhamcollege.ca)

### **Potential Earnings**

- Apprentices may start at minimum wage or according to individual company rates and increasing towards a journeypersons wage over time
- Wages<sup>1</sup> range from \$10.00 to \$25.50 an hour, excluding overtime, with journeypersons usually earning the higher end of the pay scale

### **Prospects For Employment**

- Employment is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2009<sup>2</sup>
- Most tradespersons work full time for a single employer

### **Financial Incentives**

- Employers who employ first, second and third year apprentices can apply for the Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit
- Employers who employ first and second year apprentices can apply for the Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit
- Apprentices are able to apply for the Apprenticeship Incentive Grant
- Apprentices may also be able to apply for the Tradesperson's Tools Tax Deduction

### **Additional Information**

Automotive Industry's Information Centre  
[www.ciaa.com](http://www.ciaa.com)

Job Futures  
[www.jobfutures.ca/noc/7321.shtml](http://www.jobfutures.ca/noc/7321.shtml)

National Occupational Classification  
[www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC-CNP/](http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC-CNP/)

Apprenticeship Subject Pathways  
[www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/training/apprenticeship/skills/pathwaye.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/training/apprenticeship/skills/pathwaye.pdf)

Automotive Industries Association of Canada  
[www.aiacanada.com](http://www.aiacanada.com)

Canadian Automotive Repair and Service (CARS)  
[www.cars-council.ca](http://www.cars-council.ca)

<sup>1</sup> [www.labourmarketinformation.ca](http://www.labourmarketinformation.ca)

<sup>2</sup> [www.ontariojobfutures.ca/profile7321.html](http://www.ontariojobfutures.ca/profile7321.html)