

MOTIVE POWER

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AUTO BODY REPAIRER AND COLLISION DAMAGE REPAIRER (A.C.A., restricted certified trade, branch 1)



WORK DESCRIPTION

What would I be doing?

Auto Body Repairers and Collision Damage Repairers:

- repair, reshape and refit body panels, fenders, hoods, bumpers, and other exterior parts of motor vehicles,
- weld breaks in body panels, fenders and other components,
- shrink and stretch metal panels by heat treatment,
- repair, remove or replace wiring harnesses, air-conditioning systems and water pumps,
- straighten and align frames and unibody assemblies,
- remove or replace electrical, electronic or vacuum components,
- remove, replace or adjust steering and suspension components,
- align wheels,
- prepare the vehicle for repainting,
- select and apply the paint.

No two damaged vehicles are alike and so there is a new problem to solve every time. A repairer normally works indoors, a standard 40-hour week. The work may be physically hard and hazardous.

PLACE OF WORK

Who needs Auto Body Repairers?

- independent auto body shop,
- shops associated with a car or truck dealership,
- some are self-employed.

CONDITIONS OF WORK

An Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer is a restricted certified trade.

A person must have a valid Certificate of Qualification or be registered as an apprentice to work in the trade. An apprentice **may** be paid wages.

SALARIES/WAGES

The salary depends on the employer, years of experience, and level of training. In unionized places the wages and conditions of work are negotiated collectively.

In the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area, Auto Body Repairers can earn \$ 11.54 - \$ 18.10 per hour, averaging \$ 17.22 per hour.

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PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

RATING: *fair - good*

Growth in the Auto Body and Collision Damage Repair occupation is controlled by both weather and economic conditions.

APPRENTICESHIP IN THE AUTO BODY REPAIRER TRADE

- takes 3 ½ years or 7 200 h, including 720 h of in-school training, prior education and experience may shorten the time to complete all the competencies,
- upon completion of apprenticeship a Certificate of Apprenticeship is issued,
- must pass the Certificate of Qualification exam to receive a Certificate of Qualification with journeyman status,
- offers an Interprovincial Trade Certification (Red Seal).

In-School Education:

An OYAP student must be 16 years old and completed Grade 10 (or equivalent).

Otherwise, all apprenticeship applicants must successfully complete Grade 12 (OSSD) or equivalent. The following competencies are valuable:

English, *Communication and*
Mathematics, *planning skills,*
Science, *problem-solving skills*
Transportation Technology (Mechanics).

OYAP students must be full-time students in high school and those who obtain apprenticeships will complete the apprenticeship curriculum in college or an approved Training Delivery Agent.

Specific skills learned in school are:

safety, preparing a vehicle for painting, using and maintaining tools and equipment, removing

and replacing trim, hardware and glass, welding, soldering, repairing bodies, repairing or replacing electrical, heating and cooling components, painting technology.

On the Job Training

- As a high school Cooperative Education credit (towards O.S.S.D.), learning is connected to one of the school subjects.
- The Apprentices must follow a program in the **Apprenticeship Training Standards** book which is given to them in the workplace when they register. As each competency is achieved the employer signs it off.

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

A Certificate as a journeyman is needed to start working as a Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer or at least a registration as an apprentice. After becoming a journeyman a repairer may:

- become a foreperson or a supervisor,
- start own auto body shop business,
- insurance appraiser,
- work in related areas or occupations,

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Automotive Service Technician,
- Sheet Metal Worker,
- Machinist, and Welder.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Whom should I call?

School Guidance/Co-Op Office

Apprenticeship Office 519 675 7788

London: 1 800 265 1050

Apprenticeship web: www.edu.gov.on.ca

EMOLTB web site: www.localboard.on.ca

Training Hotline: 1 800 387 5656

Union: