

MOTIVE POWER

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AUTO BODY REPAIRER (A.C.A., restricted certified trade, branch 2)

WORK DESCRIPTION

What would I be doing?

Auto Body Repairer:

- 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,
- repair, remove or replace wiring harnesses, air-conditioning systems and water pumps,
- remove or replace electrical, electronic or vacuum components,
- remove, replace or adjust steering and suspension components,
- repair doors and frames,
- work on underbody components,
- review damage, estimate costs.

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

PLACE OF WORK

Who needs Auto Body Repairers?

- independent auto body shop,
- shops associated with a car or truck dealerships,

- some are self-employed.

CONDITIONS OF WORK

An Auto Body 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. Being able to use computers to diagnose problems and create solutions, dramatically increases your earning power in the automotive industry.

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PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

RATING: *fair - good*

Growth in the Auto Body Repairer occupation is controlled by both the weather and economy conditions.

APPRENTICESHIP IN THE AUTO BODY REPAIRER TRADE

- takes 2 to 3 years or 4 800 h, including 480 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,
- Interprovincial Trade Certification (Red Seal) is not available for Branch 2 of this trade.

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,	<i>Communication and</i>
Mathematics,	<i>planning skills,</i>
Science	<i>problem-solving skills</i>

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, 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 (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 or registration as an apprenticeship is required to start working as a Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer. 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: