

MOTIVE POWER

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AUTOMOTIVE PAINTER (A.C.A., non-restricted certified trade)



WORK DESCRIPTION

What would I be doing?

In addition to painting vehicles, Automotive Painters:

- prepare the surface for painting by sanding and masking the work area,
- know how to treat different surfaces, such as steel, plastic, and aluminum, to achieve a durable and attractive finish,
- pay attention to details,
- mix paint and matches colours.

Paint fumes are part of the job. Good ventilation and wearing a mask is essential. Most shops have special fume-exhaust systems to disperse paint fumes. Most Automotive Painters work a standard 40-hour week. The work requires good colour vision, good physical stamina, and artistic aptitude.

PLACE OF WORK

Who needs Automotive Painters?

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

CONDITIONS OF WORK

An Automotive Painter is a non-restricted certified trade.

A person does not have to have a valid Certificate of Qualification but a registration as an apprentice to work in the trade is recommended. A Cooperative Education student, who is not a signed apprentice, does not have to be paid. 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, Automotive Painters 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: *good*

Growth in the Automotive Painter occupation is controlled by both weather and economic conditions.

APPRENTICESHIP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE PAINTER TRADE

- takes about 2 years or 3 600 h, including the post secondary in-school training; prior education and experience may shorten the time to complete all the competencies,
- upon completion of apprenticeship, an apprentice receives a Certificate of Apprenticeship,
- to receive a Certificate of Qualification (with journeyman status), passing the Provincial Qualifying Exam is mandatory.
- Interprovincial Trade Certification (Red Seal) is available for 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, *Communication and*
Mathematics, *painting skills,*
Science,

Transportation Technology

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 not required to start working as a Automotive Painter but registration as an apprentice is recommended. After becoming a journeyman an Automotive Painter may:

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

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Automotive Service Technician,
- Auto Body Repairer,
- Auto Body Repair and Collision Damage

CONTACT INFORMATION

Whom should I call?

School Guidance/Co-Op Office

Apprenticeship Office 519 675 7788

London: 1 800 265 1050

Apprenticeship we www.edu.gov.on.ca

EMOLTB web site www.localboard.on.ca

Training Hotline: 1 800 387 5656

Union: