

MOTIVE POWER

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MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC (A.C.A., restricted certified trade)



WORK DESCRIPTION

What would I be doing?

Motorcycle Mechanics:

- repair and maintain motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds, and all-terrain vehicles,
- inspect, test and repair engines,
- inspect, test and repair mechanical parts, such as brakes and carburetor, and electrical and fuel systems,
- discuss with customers problems, estimate costs and preventative maintenance,
- consult manufacturers' manuals and specifications.

Motorcycle Mechanics normally work a standard 40-hour week. They may work shifts including weekends and holidays but the work is seasonal and slow in winter. Some Motorcycle Mechanics work on snowmobile machines in winter. The work sometimes involves heavy lifting, bending and standing.

PLACE OF WORK

Who needs Motorcycle Mechanics ?

- motorcycle dealerships,
- motorcycle shops,
- garages,
- some Motorcycle Mechanics are self-employed.

CONDITIONS OF WORK

Motorcycle Mechanic 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, Motorcycle Mechanics can earn \$ 10.00 to \$ 20.00 per hour, averaging \$ 17.00 per hour.

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PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

RATING: *steady*

Recreational vehicles, such as motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles continue to be popular. As long as this trend continues, there will be opportunities for motorcycle mechanics.

APPRENTICESHIP IN THE MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC TRADE

- takes about 3 years or 5 400 h, including 480 h of in-school training, prior education and experience may shorten the time to complete all the competencies,
- upon completion of the apprenticeship a Certificate of Apprenticeship is issued,
- must pass the Provincial Qualifying 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, *mechanical 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, engines, transmission and mechanisms, electrical systems, fuel systems, frames, wheels and brakes, welding, trade calculations, trade communication.

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 of Qualification or registration as an apprentice. is required to start working as a Motorcycle Mechanic. A Journeyman may:

- become a foreperson or supervisor,
- start own motorcycle shop business,
- work in related areas or occupations.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Automotive Service Technician,
- Small Engines Technician,
- Heavy-Duty Equipment Technician.

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: