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LOCKSMITH (A.C.A., non-restricted certified trade)

WORK DESCRIPTION

What would I be doing?

Locksmiths inspect, repair, adjust and install locks and make keys.

Locksmiths perform some or all of the following duties:

- inspect and repair locks,
- inspect, test, and repair mechanical parts of locks,
- make keys,
- install door and frame components to secure locks,
- change combinations on locks,
- respond to emergencies when people lock themselves out,
- consult manufacturers' manuals and specifications,
- determine costs and estimates.

Locksmiths normally work a standard 40- hour week. They may work shifts including weekends and holidays. Must be prepared to respond in emergency calls.

PLACE OF WORK

Who needs Locksmiths ?

- shops providing service of installing, repairing locks, changing lock combinations and making keys,
- some Locksmiths are self-employed.

CONDITIONS OF WORK

A Locksmith is a non-restricted certified trade. A person may or may not have a valid Certificate of Apprenticeship to work in the trade. Apprenticeship 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, Locksmiths can earn \$ 8.00 - \$ 18.00 per hour, averaging \$ 12.00 per hour.

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PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

RATING: *fair*

The Locksmith trade is not easy to get into. The demand for installers and repairers of locks is constant.

APPRENTICESHIP IN THE LOCKSMITH TRADE

- takes about 2 ½ to 3 years or about 7 000 h, including 720 h of in-school training; prior education and experience may shorten the time to complete all the competencies,
- A Certificate of Apprenticeship is issued upon completion of apprenticeship,
- there is no Certificate of Qualifications,
- Interprovincial Trade Certification (Red Seal) is not available in 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, *mechanical skills,*
Manufacturing (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, using and maintaining hand and power tools and equipment, measuring devices, shop

equipment, trade calculations, trade communication, estimating costs.

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 Schedule of Training** 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 Locksmith. A registration as an apprentice and becoming a journeyman are the first steps in growth. A Journeyman may:

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

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Safe and Vault Servicer,
- Gunsmith.

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
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