

Appliance Repair Technician

Fix fridges, washers, dryers and stoves in people's homes. A Red Seal trade with a van and steady calls.

TYPICAL PAY

\$59,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$42k to \$87k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

3 to 4 years

after high school

DEMAND

Moderate

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

**Customers' homes, service vans,
repair depots, retailers**

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
Math, physics and a shop or electronics class. A driver's licence is essential.
- 2 Find a sponsor** Weeks to months
Appliance service companies, retailers and manufacturer service divisions take on apprentices. Many hire helpers first and register them later.
- 3 Register and train** About 3 years
In Ontario, Appliance Service Technician (445A) is 6,000 hours: 5,280 on the job and 720 in school over three levels. Other provinces run similar programs.
- 4 Certificate of Qualification and Red Seal** After your hours
Pass the provincial exam and add the Red Seal endorsement, recognized in nine provinces and territories.
- 5 Optional gas certificate** 6 months to 2 years
In Ontario, a TSSA (Technical Standards and Safety Authority) gas technician certificate, G3 first and then G2, lets you work on gas appliances. Other provinces have their own gas tickets.

Pros and cons

- + Shorter apprenticeship than most Red Seal trades
- + Paid from day one, no debt
- + Independent work with your own van and route
- Lifting and moving heavy appliances in tight kitchens
- Customers are stressed and sometimes angry about costs
- Driving all day, in every kind of weather

Good to know

A Red Seal trade since 1994

Appliance Service Technician has Red Seal status in Alberta, BC, Ontario, the Atlantic provinces, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. The federal program describes the trade as repairing washers, dryers...

Gas tickets come in order

In Ontario you cannot skip levels: TSSA (Technical Standards and Safety Authority) requires a G3 certificate before you can write G2, and G2 before G1. Most appliance technicians stop at G2, which cove...

Optional boosts

Gas technician certificate. Refrigeration and air conditioning. Commercial kitchen equipment. Your own business.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Gas appliance repairers, wages (updated Nov 2025)

Red Seal Program: Appliance Service Technician

Skilled Trades Ontario: Appliance Service Technician (445A)

TSSA (Technical Standards and Safety Authority): fuels industry certification, Ontario

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/appliance-repair-technician>



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