

Auto Glass Technician

Windshields, side glass and the cameras behind them. Trained in months, in demand every winter.

TYPICAL PAY

\$56,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$38k to \$83k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

1 to 2 years

after high school

DEMAND

Moderate

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

**Auto glass shops, dealerships,
body shops, mobile vans**

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
Shop and any automotive course. A driver's licence is essential.
- 2 Get hired as a trainee** Weeks
Glass chains, independents, dealerships and body shops hire and train. Show you are careful and quick with your hands.
- 3 Learn to install** 3 to 12 months
Windshields, side and back glass, moulding, urethane adhesives and safe drive-away times. Then chip repair and mobile calls.
- 4 Optional Ontario apprenticeship** 1 to 2 years
Skilled Trades Ontario lists Automotive Glass Technician (274L). There is no certifying exam; you finish with a Certificate of Apprenticeship.
- 5 Camera calibration** Ongoing
Learn the calibration rigs for driver-assistance cameras. This is where the trade is going.

Pros and cons

- + Hired and productive within months, no tuition
- + Steady demand, busiest when other trades slow
- + Calibration work is adding real skill and pay
- Repetitive, with cuts and sore backs
- Per-job pay can be thin at slow shops
- Not a licensed trade, so pay tops out lower

Good to know

The windshield holds the roof up

In a rollover, a bonded windshield carries a large part of the roof load, and it is what the passenger airbag pushes against. That is why installers follow strict adhesive cure times before the car can be driv...

There is a camera behind the glass

Most new cars have a forward camera mounted to the windshield for lane keeping and emergency braking. After every windshield replacement it has to be recalibrated, which turned a glass job into a...

Optional boosts

ADAS (advanced driver assistance systems) calibration. Auto Glass Safety Council certification. Heavy truck and bus glass. Glazier (a second trade).

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Automotive glass technician, wages (updated Nov 2025)

Skilled Trades Ontario: Automotive Glass Technician (274L)

Auto Glass Safety Council: technician certification

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/auto-glass-technician>



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