

Bicycle Mechanic

Fix, build and tune bikes and e-bikes. No licence, a short course or shop training, and busy summers.

TYPICAL PAY

\$52,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$36k to \$80k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

up to 2 years

after high school

DEMAND

Moderate

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

**Bike shops, outdoor stores,
bike-share fleets, your own mobil...**

How you get there

- 1 High school** Grades 10 to 12
Work on your own bike and friends' bikes. Tech or shop classes help. Get a part-time job at a bike shop if you can.
- 2 Shop helper or bike builder** First season
Most people start by assembling new bikes and doing flat repairs in the spring rush. Shops hire in March and April.
- 3 Short course (optional)** 2 to 4 weeks
Winterborne in Dundas, Ontario runs an 11-day full-time Pro Mechanics course. Whistler Adventure School in BC runs a one-month course with Cytech certificates, a British standard used by bike shops.
- 4 Brand and product training** Days each, over years
Suspension makers, e-bike systems like Bosch and Shimano, and hydraulic brake makers run short courses so you can do warranty work.
- 5 Head mechanic** 2 to 5 years
After a few seasons you run the service bench, quote repairs and train new helpers.

Pros and cons

- + Start working within weeks, no debt
- + Hands-on, satisfying, you see the fix ride away
- + Staff pricing and a cycling community
- Low pay for the first few seasons
- Seasonal layoffs at many shops
- Standing all day, greasy hands, sore wrists

Good to know

No licence anywhere in Canada

Unlike car or motorcycle mechanics, bike mechanics have no provincial trade certificate. Course certificates are certificates of completion, not licences. Your reputation in the local cycling scene is...

Only a few schools in North America

Winterborne Bicycle Institute near Hamilton, Ontario opened in 2004 and describes itself as one of only a few professional bike mechanic schools on the continent. Its main course is 11 days long.

Optional boosts

E-bike systems. Suspension service. Wheel building. Bike fitting.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Bicycle mechanic, wages (updated Nov 2025)

Job Bank: Bicycle mechanic, job prospects

Winterborne Bicycle Institute (Dundas, Ontario)

Whistler Adventure School: Bicycle Mechanic course

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/bicycle-mechanic>



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