

Motorcycle Mechanic

Service and repair motorcycles, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles. A Red Seal trade with long summers and quiet winters.

TYPICAL PAY

\$62,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$42k to \$83k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

3 to 4 years

after high school

DEMAND

Moderate

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

Yes

regulated job

WHERE YOU WORK

**Dealerships, powersports shops,
rental fleets, race teams**

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
Grade 12 with shop, math and physics. OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) can start you early.
- 2 Find a sponsor** Weeks to months
Motorcycle and powersports dealerships, independent shops, rental fleets. Show up in spring when they are hiring, and know how to ride.
- 3 Register the apprenticeship** Days
With Skilled Trades Ontario (trade code 310G), Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training, SkilledTradesBC or your province's authority.
- 4 Work and study** 3 to 4 years
Ontario requires 6,000 hours: 5,520 on the job plus 480 in school. About 3 to 3.5 years.
- 5 Certificate of Qualification and Red Seal** After your hours
Pass the exam. Motorcycle Technician is a Red Seal trade, so the ticket works across Canada.

Pros and cons

- + Work on machines you love
- + Licensed in about 3 years, paid while training
- + Compulsory in Ontario, so the ticket matters
- Top-end pay is lower than truck or heavy equipment work
- Seasonal: quiet or laid off in winter
- Flat rate and small shops mean thin pay some weeks

Good to know

Snow saves the winter

Dealers that sell snowmobiles and ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) keep technicians working through Canadian winters. Motorcycle-only shops often lay off staff from November to March.

Ski-Doo is Canadian

Bombardier Recreational Products, based in Valcourt, Quebec, builds Ski-Doo snowmobiles, Sea-Doo watercraft and Can-Am bikes. Its dealers need powersports techs across the country.

Optional boosts

Powersports: snowmobiles, ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) and personal watercraft. Automotive service technician (a second trade). Manufacturer certification. Small engine and marine.

Where these numbers come from

Skilled Trades Ontario: Motorcycle Technician
Red Seal Program
Job Bank: Motorcycle mechanics, wages (updated Nov 2025)
Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training

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/motorcycle-mechanic>



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