

Recreation Vehicle Technician

Motorhomes and trailers are houses on wheels. You fix the plumbing, propane, electrical and chassis, all in one trade.

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

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

Recreational vehicle dealerships, service centres, campgrounds, m...

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
Shop, math, physics and any electrical or plumbing exposure. OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) can start you early.
- 2 Find a sponsor** Weeks to months
RV (recreational vehicle) dealerships and service centres. Spring is hiring season. A lot handling or detailing job gets your foot in the door.
- 3 Register the apprenticeship** Days
Skilled Trades Ontario calls it Recreation Vehicle Technician (690H). Other provinces register it under the Red Seal name, Recreational Vehicle Service Technician.
- 4 Work and study** 3 to 4 years
Ontario: 7,000 hours, 6,280 on the job plus 720 in school. Other provinces run 3 to 4 periods.
- 5 Certificate of Qualification and Red Seal** After your hours
Pass the exam. The Red Seal endorsement works across Canada.

Pros and cons

- + Five trades in one: plumbing, electrical, gas, carpentry, chassis
- + Red Seal ticket, paid while training
- + Dealers are short-staffed and hiring
- Spring and summer are a crush of 50-hour weeks
- Roofs in the heat, underbellies in the cold
- Flat rate and warranty work can pay thin

Good to know

A house on wheels

A single RV (recreational vehicle) carries a propane system, a 12-volt and a 120-volt electrical system, fresh and waste water plumbing, a fridge, a furnace, a roof and, on a motorhome, a truck engine. One tec...

A Red Seal trade

Recreational Vehicle Service Technician is a Red Seal trade, which puts it on the same interprovincial footing as electricians and plumbers. Ontario's apprenticeship is 7,000 hours, the same length a...

Optional boosts

Propane or gas technician certificate. Solar and lithium battery systems. Chassis and automotive skills. Industry certification.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Recreation vehicle technician, wages (updated Nov 2025)
Skilled Trades Ontario: Recreation Vehicle Technician (690H)
Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association of Canada
RV Careers (RVDA of Canada)

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/recreation-vehicle-technician>



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