

Recreation Vehicle Technician

A motorhome is a house, a truck and a boat's plumbing in one box. You fix all of it.

TYPICAL PAY

\$52,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$36k to \$78k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

1 to 3 years

after high school

DEMAND

Good

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

Dealership service bays, mobile repair vans, campgrounds, manuf...

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
 That is the stated requirement. Shop, auto and electrical classes are the useful ones.
- 2 Get into a service department** Weeks
 Lot attendant, prep technician or apprentice at a dealership or a service center. Dealers hire people with no experience because nobody arrives with experience.
- 3 Level 1 certification** 1 week
 Covers propane, electrical, water, appliances, body, generator and chassis well enough to prepare a unit for a customer. One week in person or about 32 hours online.
- 4 Level 2, the diagnostic level** Months later
 Where you stop replacing parts and start finding out why something failed. This is the level that changes your pay.
- 5 Levels 3 and 4** 2 to 5 years
 Specialty work and the top certification. Years of hands-on work sit behind these, not just a course.

Pros and cons

- + Cheapest skilled trade on this site to get into, often paid for by your employer
- + Genuine shortage of technicians, so you can find work almost anywhere
- + Seven trades in one job, so you are never doing the same repair all week
- Seasonal. Spring and summer are flat out, winter can be slow in cold states
- Flat rate pay punishes you for the jobs that turn out to be complicated
- Hot roofs, cramped compartments and crawling under units

Optional boosts

Diagnostics. Propane and gas appliances. Solar and lithium battery systems. Water damage and structural repair.

Where these numbers come from

My Next Move: Recreational Vehicle Service Technicians (49-3092.00)

RV Technical Institute: certification levels

RV Technical Institute: Level 1 training

Apprenticeship.gov, the US Department of Labor registered apprenticeship system

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in United States dollars, based on Bureau of Labor Statistics wage data and published pay scales. They vary by state, employer and experience. Tuition is for in-state students at public schools unless the card says otherwise. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/us/careers/recreation-vehicle-technician>

Good to know

It is seven trades in one job

A single service call can involve propane, 12 volt wiring, household current, plumbing, a generator, an air conditioning system, carpentry and a truck chassis. No other technician is expected to cover that sp...

The first certification takes one week

The entry level course from the RV Technical Institute (the recreational vehicle industry's training body) runs as one week in person or about 32 hours of self-paced online study, and a subscript...



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