



SO YOU WANT TO BE AN AUTO MECHANIC...

It's a good idea to finish high school first!

There are hundreds upon hundreds of skilled trades in Canada, but auto mechanic (or automotive technician) seems to be the one that comes to mind most readily to teenagers. In fact, many young people without a high school degree adore cars and hope to work in this very trade.

But according to Employment and Social Development Canada, if you want to work in that field, you have to stay in school! A high school diploma is a must, and many employers will be looking to hire someone who has completed a 4-year service and technical apprenticeship program because certification requires a combination of 4 years of work experience or post-secondary training.

WORKPLACE SKILLS YOU WILL NEED TO REPAIR CARS:

- ★ Problem-solving and decision-making skills to figure out which parts to fix, which tools to use;
- ★ Numeracy skills in order to complete invoices for customers and calculate labour costs using an hourly rate, taxes and discounts, etc.;
- ★ Reading skills to read repair manuals, manufacturer's bulletins, office memos, etc.
- ★ Computer skills for diagnosis and administration;
- ★ Interpersonal skills: After all, auto mechanics don't only deal with cars, but with nervous car owners too.



Auto mechanics is a rewarding profession, one of many exciting skilled trades out there looking for an infusion of new blood. So stay in school and learn all the skills you need to become an auto mechanic in the 21st century.

To learn more about the skilled trades in Canada, visit the [National Occupation Classification database](#).
To learn more about becoming an auto mechanic, visit [trade-schools.net](#).

