



Saskatchewan Automobile Dealers' Association



Saskatchewan
Apprenticeship and
Trade Certification
Commission

BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES



Why Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a workplace based education model where you learn from experienced tradespeople, supported by a highly skilled mentor. Spend 80% of your apprenticeship working and making money, just 20% in school. This may vary from trade to trade in the automotive sector.

Apprenticeship is the first step in a career that gives you freedom, respect, independence and security. A career that can take you as far as you want to go.

A Great Start. An Even Better Future.

Learn skills that are recognized across Canada. Be in the position to set your own goals and make them happen. Maximize your income or balance work, home and play. The options apprenticeship gives you let you achieve your goals on your terms. So go ahead and dream – with apprenticeship you have the tools to make it real.

Apprenticeship Doesn't Cost. It Pays.

Apprenticeship lets you earn while you learn. You spend 10 months each year working and collecting a paycheque. During the two months in school each year, most apprentices qualify for Employment Insurance. Many apprentices finish their training with money in the bank rather than owing thousands for their education.

Yes, the Money Really is That Good!

Tradespeople are among the most financially successful and secure people you'll meet. Skilled trades are constantly in demand. You can decide how much you want to put into your work and count on an income that will reflect your efforts.

Grants and Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Program

The **Apprenticeship Completion Grant** (ACG) is a \$2,000 taxable cash grant for apprentices who complete their apprenticeship training and obtain Red Seal endorsement on a provincial or territorial Certificate of Qualification in a designated Red Seal trade. Information on other grants and tax rebates is available on the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) website.

The **Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship** (SYA) Program raises awareness of apprenticeship in Saskatchewan schools by helping young people discover the rewards that come with working in the skilled trades. The SYA Industry Scholarship supports SYA graduates who pursue a skilled trade.

Respect and Satisfaction.

As a tradesperson, your work isn't just about the money. It's about the satisfaction that comes from creating something real that will last. It's about making a contribution to your community and to people's lives. It's the respect for a skill that's highly valued. It's about pride, independence and achieving your goals.

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Get in the driver's seat with a career in automotive

Canadians love their wheels, with more than one and a half million new cars and trucks hitting the roads every year. One in six working Canadians is employed directly or indirectly in automotive-related positions, making it the largest industry in the country.

Are you interested in an exciting and rewarding career in this dynamic industry? Read on, and find out how you can put yourself in the driver's seat.

Think beyond the corner garage

Those 1.5 million vehicles are sold through new vehicle dealerships throughout the country, including 140 of them in Saskatchewan. Modern franchised dealerships are more like full-service transportation service centres than the corner garage of old. New vehicle dealership may employ people in more than 40 different employment positions, offering a variety of challenging, well-paying jobs for qualified, motivated people. In particular, opportunities are plentiful – from entry-level to apprenticeship opportunities – in the service, body shop and parts areas of modern dealerships.

Essential skills for a successful career in automotive

Computers are everywhere today, and that includes under the hood of today's cars and trucks. These vehicles are far more complex than they used to be, and the skills needed to diagnose problems and solve them reflects the need for capable Service Technicians with computer, math, reasoning and communication skills.

Modern vehicles feature unibody frames, plus parts made of plastic, aluminum and other exotic materials. These factors, along with stringent environmental regulations, make the job of the Auto Body Technician more challenging than ever. Today's Auto Body Technician must be able to research information from manuals, bulletins and resource people.

A well-run parts department is a key part of every successful dealership. These departments require people who have a sound technical background, are well organized, have wide product knowledge, and the ability to work with Service Technicians and customers. Partspersons are responsible for ordering, stocking and dispensing parts for the automotive and agricultural industries.

Getting started in your automotive career

In high school:

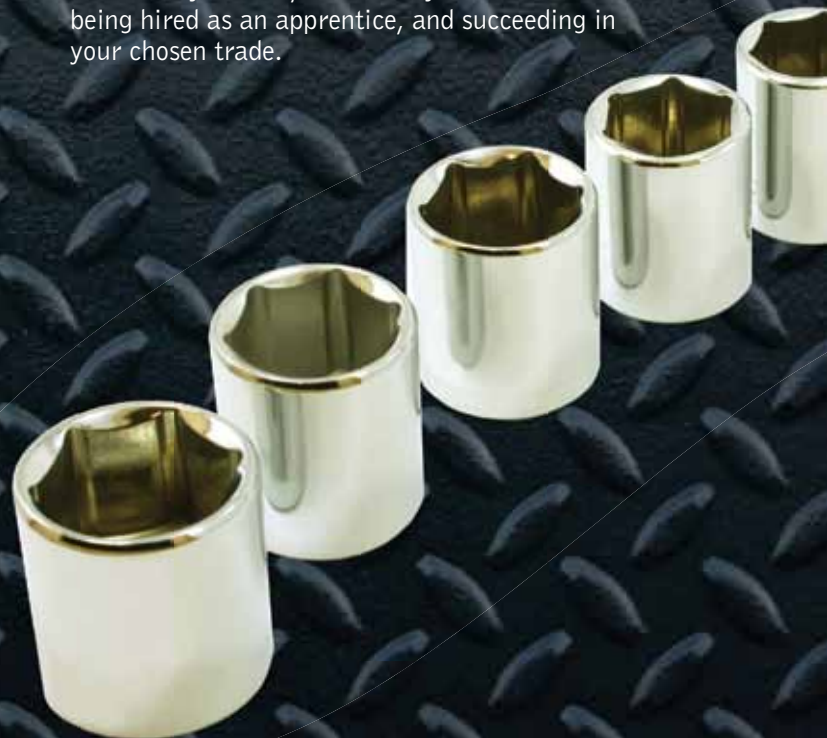
If you are interested in a career as a Service Technician, Auto Body Technician or Partsperson, you should be:

- mechanically inclined;
- have good reading comprehension;
- have strong math skills; and
- enjoy working on cars and trucks.

Many high schools offer courses in auto mechanics and/or auto body repair, which along with training in chemistry, electronics, physics and computers, are a real advantage.

Learn on the job, and get your ticket

Choosing to work in the service or auto body areas gives you opportunities to earn while you learn, and become a Service Technician, Auto Body Technician or Partsperson. There's also the option of advancing your career through the three or four levels of apprenticeship, first as an Apprentice Technician, and then progressing to become a Licensed Journeyman Technician. Of course, the more education you have, the better your chances are of being hired as an apprentice, and succeeding in your chosen trade.



Consider becoming a Journeyperson.

New vehicle dealerships are ready to support employees who are looking to advance their careers, including those who are seriously considering apprenticeship. If you think this might be the route for you, discuss what's involved with the dealership. If you both agree, you'll both sign a contract setting out the terms of the apprenticeship.

As an Apprentice Technician you will develop your skills under the guidance of a qualified Journeyperson Technician. Each of the levels of apprenticeship requires a combination of on-the-job experience, eight weeks of classroom instruction and passing an exam before moving on to the next level. After successfully completing all levels, you will become a Licensed Journeyperson Technician in your chosen trade.

Use your ticket to choose your path.

Once you have your Journeyperson ticket, there are many challenging, well-paying positions you could fill in a modern dealership. Because the pay and benefits are good, you could choose to remain as a Technician, or use your experience and skills to move into a position as a Specialist, Shop Foreman, Service Advisor, Supervisor or Manager.

As you can see, there are many career options available under one roof at modern new vehicle dealerships, including rewarding and fulfilling apprenticeship opportunities.

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Automotive Careers

Does this sound like you?

- I like to work with my hands.
- I enjoy tackling problems and figuring out the solution.
- I'm good at math.
- I'm comfortable around electronics and computers.
- I enjoy working with others, and also on my own.
- I like to work on projects from start to finish.
- I want to earn money while I'm training for a career.
- I want to learn skills that are portable; that I can apply wherever I decide to work.

If a career in the automotive trades sounds like it might be a good fit for you, find out more about the Automotive Service Technician, Motor Vehicle Body Repairer and Partsperson trades at www.saskapprenticeship.ca/Designated_Trades/

Start now!

If you're in high school, visit www.saskapprenticeship.ca/youth_apprentices/ for information about how you can begin laying the foundation for an exciting and rewarding career in the automotive industry.

Earn while you learn!

With a trade, you can earn good money while you're learning valuable skills.

Hands-on!

Get work experience and real-life training in the trade that interests you. Learn from mentors with many years of experience.

Create a career!

Make the money and have the freedom to create the life you want, starting now!



Become an Apprentice

Apprenticeship can be your first step to a rewarding career that can take you as far as you are prepared to go in life.

- Find a job in the trade you want to pursue
- Sign a contract with your employer or joint training committee
- Train at work and go to technical training
- Pass the Journeyman exam with a minimum 70%



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