

## CAREER PROFILES

### Motor Vehicle Body Repairers:

**Motor Vehicle Body Repairers** repair and restore damaged motor vehicle body parts and interior finishing; repaint body surfaces; and repair and/or replace automotive glass.

### Wage/Salary Information:

\$44,950 is the median annual salary found in national job-postings.

\$19.97/hour is the median wage reported locally.

### Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Detail oriented
- Team player
- Dependability
- Soldering equipment
- Auto body repair
- Integrity
- Work ethic
- Organizational skills
- Manual dexterity
- Highly organized
- Work independently
- Self-motivated
- Oral and written communication
- Customer satisfaction
- Relationship building
- Hardworking
- Time management

### Job Duties:

Motor Vehicle Body Repairers review damage report and estimates of repair cost and plan work to be performed. Motor vehicle body repairers repair and replace front end components, body components, doors and frame and underbody components and hammer out dents, buckles and other defects using blocks and hammers. They operate soldering equipment or use plastic filler to fill holes, dents and seams and remove damaged fenders, panels and grills using wrenches and cutting torch and bolt or weld replacement parts into place. Motor Vehicle Body Repairers straighten bent frames using frame and underbody pulling and anchoring equipment, file, grind and sand repaired body surfaces using hand and power tools, and mask

and tape auto body surfaces in preparation for painting. Motor Vehicle Body Repairers mix paint, blend and match colors and apply primers and repaint surfaces using brush or spray guns. They also repair and replace glass components such as windshields, windows and sunroofs, repair or replace interior components, such as seat frame assembly, carpets and floorboard insulation, and inspect repaired vehicles and test drive vehicles for proper handling.

### Working Conditions:

Motor Vehicle Body Repairers usually work a regular 35- to 40-hour workweek, with some overtime required on occasion. These employees typically work indoors in automobile body repair shops, which can be noisy, dusty and have unpleasant odours. However, most body shops are equipped with the latest dust removal equipment. In addition, the introduction of water borne paints has greatly reduced the unpleasant odours associated with this environment.

The work can be strenuous and is often done in cramped and awkward spaces. Potential hazards include cuts from sharp metal, burns from torches and heated metal, injuries from power tools and fumes from paint. Safety precautions are taken to limit the risk of injury.

### Career Pathways:

The Red Seal endorsement allows for interprovincial mobility. With experience, motor vehicle body repair and automotive painter tradespersons may progress to supervisory positions. Metal repairers employed in motor vehicle manufacturing may progress to motor vehicle repairer positions through an apprenticeship program, or, with experience, they may progress to supervisory positions in motor vehicle manufacturing.

Motor Vehicle Body Repairers are employed by automobile dealerships, automobile body repair shops and automobile appraisal centres. Motor Vehicle Body Repairers also includes metal repairers who repair defective automobile body parts and damage to the bodies of newly assembled cars. They are employed by motor vehicle manufacturers. Below are potential career pathways for Motor Vehicle Body Repairers:

- Autobody Repairer
- Automotive Body Mechanic
- Automotive Glass Technician
- Automotive Painter – Motor Vehicle Repair
- Automotive Painter Apprentice
- Metal Finisher – Motor Vehicle Manufacturing
- Metal Repairer – Motor Vehicle Manufacturing
- Motor Vehicle Body Repairer Apprentice
- Motor Vehicle Body Technician – Truck
- Painter – Motor Vehicle Repair

Check out more possible career pathways on [WEExplore](#).

### Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a Chef, you can begin your apprenticeship or attend a local training/education program.

#### Apprenticeship Details:

##### Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer

- Certification: Compulsory (required to practice this profession in Ontario)
- Red Seal: Yes
- On-the-job training: 7,280 hours
- In-class training: 720 hours

##### Auto Body Repairer

- Certification: Compulsory (required to practice this profession in Ontario)
- Red Seal: No
- On-the-job training: 5,520 hours
- In-class training: 480 hours

Individuals interested in pursuing an apprenticeship pathway, should follow these steps:

- 1) Get hired – by an employer/sponsor/union
- 2) Apply online to register as an apprentice at [www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship](http://www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship)
- 3) Sign a training agreement with your employer/sponsor and the Employment Ontario apprenticeship office.
- 4) Become a Member of the Ontario College of Trades Apprentices Class at [www.collegeoftrades.ca/membership](http://www.collegeoftrades.ca/membership)
- 5) Keep a record of the hours you work
- 6) Achieve the competencies listed in your training standard if required in your trade
- 7) Complete all of the training requirements in your trade and you will receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship (CoA).
- 8) Write the Exam for the Certificate of Qualification if required in your trade

If you are currently in high school and would like to begin an apprenticeship, visit [oyap.com](http://oyap.com) for more information about the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Individuals unsure about whether to pursue an apprenticeship or not, can learn more by visiting [www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship](http://www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship).

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