

PCSS Post Secondary Spotlight

So, you want to be an... Auto Body Technician



Auto body technicians repair and replace damaged motor vehicle structures and body parts, and interior and exterior finishes. Journey person auto body technicians may specialize in damage appraisal, frame straightening, surface preparation, sheet metal work, and refinishing. After preparing or reviewing motor vehicle repair estimate reports, auto body technicians use frame machines to straighten bent frames and uninitized bodies remove badly damaged sections of vehicles (e.g., roof, rear body panels, etc.) and weld in new sections repair damage to body panels and weld sheet metal apply masking to the bumpers, windows and trim and use a spray gun to apply primer. The auto body technician will then clean and smooth the surface before applying the finish repair and/or replace interior and exterior components such as instrument panels, seat frame assemblies, carpets and floorboard insulation, trim panels and moldings replace accident damage components in hybrid systems, airbags and restraint systems inspect vehicles for dimensional accuracy and test drive them to ensure proper alignment and handling



Minimum requirements

Successful completion of the following courses:

- English 10-2
- Math 10-3
- Science 10

OR

A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests

OR

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Entrance Exam

Recommended path

Apprentices with an Alberta High School Diploma that includes the following courses:

- English 30-2
- Math 30-3
- Physics 20 OR Chemistry 20 OR Science 20
- Related career and technology studies (CTS) courses

RAP Opportunity!!

Average Salary: \$68,657.00

<https://www.sait.ca/apprenticeships-and-trades/apprenticeships-and-pre-employment-programs/auto-body-technician>
<https://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo/occupations-in-alberta/occupation-profiles/auto-body-technician/>