

# Nova Scotia Automotive Technician Training Pathway



**High School Diploma**

**Nova Scotia Community College  
Pre-apprentice Programs**

**Automotive Service Repair (ASR)  
&  
Motor Vehicle Body Repair (MVBR)**  
1 year programs  
(Includes credit for Apprenticeship courses  
& 1000 work hours)

**Automotive Collision Repair &  
Refinishing (2 year program)**  
(Includes credit for Apprenticeship courses  
& 2000 work hours)

**Secure Employment**

Apprentices earn increasing  
Percentage of journeyperson  
salary.

For example: Based on  
\$18.00/hour straight time  
& 40 hours/ week.<sup>1</sup>

**Wage<sup>2</sup>**  
\$9.00 / hour  
\$18,720 annual

**Wage**  
\$10.80 / hour  
\$22,464 annual

**Wage**  
\$12.60 / hour  
\$26,208 annual

**Wage**  
\$15.30 / hour  
\$31,824 annual

**Wage**  
\$18.00 / hour  
\$37,740 annual

**Register as an Apprentice** (\$129.66)<sup>4</sup>

**Apprenticeship Year 1**  
Wages 50% of Journeyperson pay  
2000 hours of work, including Apprenticeship training

**Apprenticeship Year 2**  
Wages 60% of Journeyperson pay  
2000 hours of work including Apprenticeship training

**Apprenticeship Year 3**  
Wages 70% of Journeyperson pay  
2000 hours of work, including Apprenticeship training

**Apprenticeship Year 4**  
Wages 85% of Journeyperson pay  
2000 hours of work, including Apprenticeship training

**Journeyperson Certification**  
Apprentice writes Journeyperson exam (\$129.66) &  
must have 8000 employed hours

MVR = 4 courses/yr  
ASR = 5 -6 courses/yr  
at \$79.60/course

**Training Cost**  
\$318.40 MVR  
\$477.60 ASR

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**Total Costs<sup>3</sup>**  
\$1518 MVR  
\$2010.52 ASR  
\*Plus Course material

1) Technicians may increase their earning potential when on a flat rate remuneration and/or other incentive structures.

2) Wage scenario is based on mechanical sector and straight time structure.

3) Apprentices are eligible for the national Tool Tax credit and Apprentice Incentive Grant.

4) Fees are correct at the time of publication. The Apprenticeship Training and Skill Development Division reserves the right to make changes to fees without prior notice.