

Auto Body Technician – All Branches

The auto body technician apprenticeship program has a new course outline that extends the length of first period technical training to six weeks (180 hours).

When will the new course outline be implemented?

The new course outline is scheduled to roll out September 2017. Training for auto body technicians is conducted at NAIT and SAIT.

Why was the course outline revised?

The current course outline for first period apprentices required revisions to include new materials and techniques for repairing automotive bodies. Input from industry and training providers offered valuable insight to update the course outline so it covers issues auto body technicians face today.

The additional hours will also allow more flexibility of time to introduce new material in the future.

How does this affect auto body technician training for apprentices?

The length of first period of training has been increased to six weeks (180 hours). The second period remains at six weeks (180 hours) and both the third and fourth periods remain at seven weeks (210 hours).

What will be covered in the new auto body technician program?

First period apprentices will now learn about surface preparation, component removal installation and final detailing. Second period apprentices continue to learn about shop practices and procedures, product preparation and topcoat application. Third period apprentices continue to learn about auto body welding, non-structural repairs and vehicle support systems. Fourth period apprentices will master structural repair, automotive mechanical systems and safety systems.

How does this affect apprentices already in the auto body technician apprenticeship program?

Changes to the program only apply to first year apprentices, so apprentices entering second, third or fourth period technical training in 2017 are not affected by this change.

On-the-job training consists of a total of 6,200 hours: 1,600 hours in periods one and two and 1,500 hours in periods three and four.

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