

Why Consider a Career in the RV Industry?

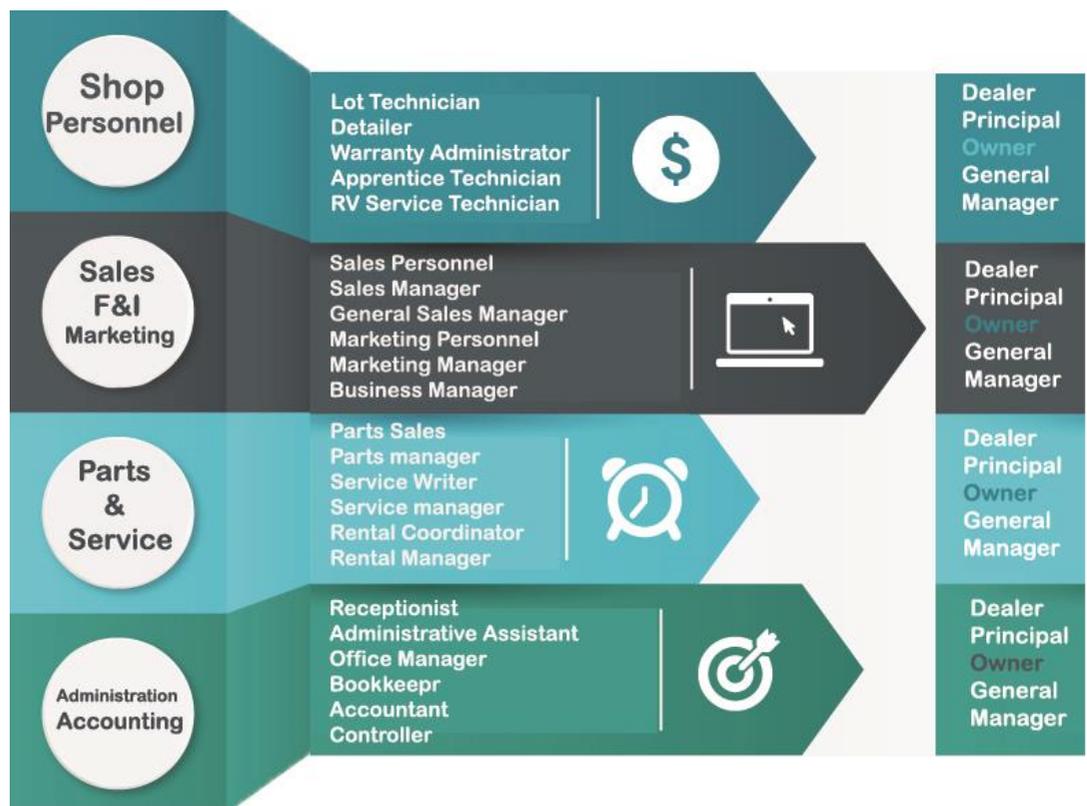
14% or nearly **1.9 million** Canadian households own an RV. Today, **67%** of RVs in Canada are owned by people *under* the age of 55. **90%** of RV owners say that it is the best way to travel with kids.

With more than 400 RV dealers across Canada, the sales and service industry associated with recreation vehicles is substantial, reporting at \$3.22 billion in sales in 2016.



Recreation vehicles are an iconic sight during Canadian summers as they carry vacationers from coast to coast. This popular pastime has a considerable economic impact; the manufacturing, purchasing, servicing and use of recreation vehicles contribute billions, both directly

RV Dealership Career Opportunities



What is apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships combine on-the-job training, work experience and secondary classroom instruction. The majority of an apprentice's time (80%) is spent learning their skills and gaining experience on the job under the direction of a highly skilled journeyman. The remaining 20% of their time is spent learning in a classroom. These classes are available through select technical colleges. The apprentice's wage increases as new skills are acquired. Workers who finish apprenticeship programs and receive their journeyman designation generally earn more than those who do not, and have greater opportunity for advancement. Employers highly value apprenticeship programs as it allows them to train and retain highly skilled RV Service Technicians. In most cases, on-the-job training and classroom instruction are completed in 3 years.

RV service technician is a designated, Red Seal trade in all Provinces in Canada. After completing the 3 year apprenticeship program, registered apprentices can write the Red Seal Exam. Upon passing the Red Seal Exam, the journeyman RV Service Technician can work anywhere in Canada!

With an excellent training opportunity and prospect for advancement, RV service technician apprentices complete the program with job-ready skills and a smaller debt compared to those enrolled in a non-trade program. With 14% of Canadian households owning an RV and a continued growth in RV ownership, qualified, competent RV service technicians are in high demand.

When I became an apprentice, I did a lot of guessing, a lot of jumping to conclusions and a lot of asking, "what do I do?" Now I still do a lot of these, but having the training has improved my skills and confidence. If I think something is the problem, I will prove it through learned sequence of operation techniques before removing and replacing expensive parts. If I have a question, I know what to ask.

Martin Milkovich
Red Seal RV Service Technician



What is the RV Service Technician Trade?

Consider an RV as a home on wheels. On an RV, the RV Service Technician is trained to take care of all of the problems in an RV except the drivetrain. The opportunities for growth are truly endless and the skills acquired, whether technical or business, are completely transferrable.

The technician works independently in the service department and is trained in at least 12 different trade areas. RV Service technicians love and embrace challenges. With each new repair order, the technician is presented with a new task where they must diagnose and formulate a new solution.

RV Service Technician is a Red Seal trade. The Red Seal program offers interprovincial mobility for designated skilled trades. The Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program was established to help harmonize training and certification requirements across Canada. Over the years, the Red Seal has become the national standard of excellence for skilled trades in Canada.

High school curriculum have incorporated career exploration and planning to better prepare students for today's job market. Attention has also been given to in-school trade curriculum as well as apprenticeship or co-op programs. The student develops essential skills, a work ethic, interest in learning, workplace discipline and gain experience while earning a wage.

Some of the knowledge and skills to be acquired for the RV Service Technician apprentice are as follows:

Air Conditioning	Carpentry	Interior & exterior construction	Propane Systems
Accessories	Chassis	Levelling systems	Refrigeration
Appliances	Electrical systems	Mechanical	Sheet metal
Applied mathematics	Generators	Motorhomes	Slide-out systems
Brakes and undercarriages	Hitching systems	Parts and merchandising	Tool and equipment use
Camper, camperette & canopy systems	Hydraulic systems	Plumbing systems	Trailers
		Pre-delivery inspections	Welding