



Outdoor Power Equipment Technician - Power Equipment

About this job

Outdoor power equipment technicians (OPET) are precise, logical, and skilled mechanically and physically. They are good at troubleshooting and problem solving. The trade has opportunities outdoors, and to work independently or as part of a team.



- Three-year program
- Requires out of the territory technical training
- Mechanical Industry



OPET HOLDS NATIONAL OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATION
(NOC) CODE #7335/72429

\$81,100

Estimated Average Journeyperson Salary

APPRENTICESHIP, TRADES, AND OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION

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What can I expect to do for work if I become an OPET?

Duties performed by OPETs include:

- review and interpretation of work orders and technical manuals,
- inspect and test engine, motors and other mechanical components,
- adjust, repair or replace mechanical or electrical system parts and components using hand tools and equipment,
- test and adjust repaired equipment for proper performance,
- perform scheduled maintenance service on equipment
- advise customers on work performed and general condition of equipment, and
- estimate costs of repairs.

What kind of working conditions can I expect?

Power equipment technicians may work indoors in shops or they may travel to make service calls. Hours of work vary from regular hours to long and hectic hours during busy seasons.

Working conditions vary.

What does a Power Equipment OPET specialize in?

They service and maintain small gasoline and diesel powered equipment such as:

- generators,
- mowers and aerators,
- golf carts,
- chainsaws, and
- various types of construction equipment.

What is the minimum requirement to become an apprentice in this trade?

Apprentices must obtain a minimum of 70% on the Trades Entrance Exam – TEE Category #3 or the equivalent education as outlined below. This must be done before signing the Apprenticeship contract and attending technical training.

How long will it take to complete an OPET apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship takes about three years to complete and includes three periods of 1800 hours per period, totaling 5400 hours.

How is the training delivered?

All OPETs will attend the same technical training for levels 1 and 2. Apprentices specialising in Power Equipment will attend different 3rd year technical training than people becoming a specialist in Recreational Equipment. Apprentices usually go to school for this program in Alberta.

Eligibility Requirements

Entrance Exam – Pass Exam 3 with a score of 70% or higher

or

Completion of the following high school courses

- English 10-2 (pass) or Literacy 20 (65% or higher)
- Math 10C (pass) or Math 10-3 (65% or higher)
- Science 10 (pass)

or

All five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests

SCHOOLS NORTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (SNAP) - SNAP apprentices are not required to satisfy the entrance requirements prior to signing an apprenticeship contract. However, the SNAP apprentice must satisfy the entrance requirements or write the TEE before attending technical training.

Period	Technical Training ¹	Prerequisites for technical training	Hours ²
1st	6 Weeks 180 hours	Entrance Exam and 900 hours	1800
2nd	8 Weeks 240 hours	Completed 1 st Period	3600
3rd	8 Weeks 240 hours	Completed 2 nd Period	5400

¹Length of In-School Training

²Minimum Time Required to Complete (Includes Technical Training)

For more information:

www.gov.nt.ca/Apprenticeship