



Outdoor Power Equipment Technician - Recreational 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 Journeyman 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?

Recreational equipment technicians usually work indoors in shops and occasionally outdoors. Most work a 40-hour, 5-day week. However, some evening, weekend or holiday work may be required particularly during the busier months.

Outdoor power equipment technicians may be required to lift and move items that weigh up to 65 kilograms. They must stand for long periods and sometimes work in awkward, tight, or confined spaces. The work often is dirty and greasy, and is noisy when engines are being tested.

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)

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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.

There is some risk of injury when working with hand and power tools, or with hot engines and sharp edges. Ventilation systems reduce the risk involved in working indoors near exhaust fumes.

What does a Recreational Equipment OPET specialize in?

Recreational Equipment Specialists repair, service and maintain small gasoline and diesel powered equipment such as:

- snowmobiles,
- recreational multi-wheeled utility vehicles,
- inboard and outboard motors,
- jet drives in boats, and
- personal watercraft.

What is the minimum educational requirement to become an OPET apprentice?

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.

Where would I go to technical training?

Apprentices usually go to school for this program in Alberta.

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 (Recreation)	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