RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SERVICEPERSON

ALSO KNOWN AS: RV TECHNICIAN | RV REPAIR SPECIALIST | MOTORHOME SERVICE TECHNICIAN | CARAVAN MAINTENANCE EXPERT

HIT THE ROAD TO AN EXCITING CAREER AS A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SERVICEPERSON.

Hit the road to an exciting career as a Recreational Vehicle Serviceperson. If you've got a knack for problem-solving and a passion for the great outdoors, this role might just be your perfect travel companion.

KEY SKILLS

Skills which may benefit anyone considering a job as a recreational vehicle serviceperson include:

- Inventory Management
- Material handling expertise
- Quality control awareness
- Manufacturing process knowledge
- Production knowledge

VALUES & ATTRIBUTES

Values and attributes of anyone considering a job as a recreational vehicle serviceperson include:

- Adaptable
- Integrity
- Continuous learning
- Patience
- Solutions-focused
- Realistic – "Do-er"

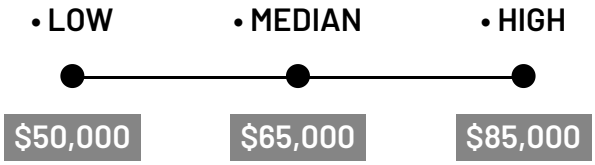
CAREER PROGRESSION

In this role, you may have the opportunity to progress to other positions. Career progression opportunities include:

- Team Leader
- Engineering Technician
- Engineering Assistant
- Project Engineer

SALARY EXPECTATION

The expected salary for a Recreational Vehicle Serviceperson can vary across different areas of manufacturing and may vary as you become more experienced.



RELATED INDUSTRIES

▸ General Manufacturing and Engineering ▸ Transport Equipment and Machinery

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- Engineering

CORE SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- General Mathematics
- Engineering Skills
- Essential English

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JOB OVERVIEW

Recreational Vehicle Servicepersons play a crucial role in keeping the dreams of adventure-seekers alive. They are responsible for maintaining, repairing, and upgrading various types of recreational vehicles (RVs), including motorhomes, caravans, and campervans. Their expertise ensures that RV owners can enjoy their home-away-from-home with peace of mind.

These skilled technicians work with a wide range of systems, from electrical and plumbing to propane and hydraulics. They must be well-versed in both automotive and residential-style components, as RVs combine elements of both. A typical day might involve diagnosing electrical issues, repairing water systems, or performing routine maintenance on engines and chassis.

The contribution of RV servicepersons extends beyond individual owners to the broader tourism and leisure industry. By keeping RVs in top condition, they support the growing trend of mobile living and contribute to the economy of areas popular with RV enthusiasts. Their work requires a blend of technical skills, customer service, and adaptability, as each vehicle and owner may present unique challenges.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Your role may include duties as follows:

1. Diagnose and repair electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems in RVs
2. Perform routine maintenance and safety checks on various RV components
3. Install and upgrade RV accessories and appliances
4. Communicate with customers to understand issues and explain repairs
5. Document work performed, and maintain service records

HOW TO BECOME A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SERVICEPERSON

While formal qualifications are not always mandatory to start in this field, many employers prefer candidates with relevant training or experience. Employers are often looking for job seekers to take on formal apprenticeships. Here are steps you can take to become an RV Serviceperson:

1. Look for opportunities promoted by RV manufacturers after trade qualified workers or apprentices
2. Even if there are no jobs advertised but you have an interest in working with the employer, send through a letter and your resume expressing your interest to work for them or to complete a Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Service and Repair (MSM31022) or a similar qualification in manufacturing or engineering
3. Stay updated with the latest RV technologies and manufacturing techniques

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

An apprenticeship with a manufacturer is the best pathway to gain employment in the industry. You can undertake the following qualifications as apprenticeships:

- Certificate III in Recreational Vehicle Service and Repair (MSM31022)

As an apprentice you will combine work with formal training, allowing you to gain practical skills and knowledge in a specific trade while earning a salary.

Duration: Apprenticeships typically last up to 4 years for full-time participants. Part-time apprenticeships may take longer, depending on the individual's work schedule and training progress.

Work and study combination: As an apprentice, you will work either full-time or part-time while receiving formal training from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). School-based apprenticeships may be available.

Eligibility: Generally, apprenticeships do not require any formal qualifications to enter, making them accessible to a wide range of individuals, including if you are a school leaver or someone looking to change careers. There are minimum age requirements and there may be other eligibility criteria.

Completion: On completion you will receive a nationally recognised trade qualification, showcasing your skill and experience.

Skills, qualifications, accreditations and licences

You may choose to pursue other training or certifications, licences and tickets. Qualifications and skills may be required to progress to supervisor or team leader positions.

For career advancement or specialisation:

- Certificate IV in Recreational Vehicles (MSM41122)

UNIVERSITY & HIGHER EDUCATION

While a university degree is not typically required for RV Servicepersons, higher education can open doors to management roles or specialised positions within the industry. Relevant degree programs might include:

- Bachelor of Engineering (majoring in Manufacturing or other area of specialisation)
- Bachelor of Applied Technology (Automotive Manufacturing)

These programs provide comprehensive knowledge of manufacturing processes, materials science, and production management. Skills gained through these degrees can be valuable for those aiming for roles in production planning, quality assurance management, or research and development within the RV manufacturing industry. The analytical and project management skills developed in these programs can also be beneficial for those looking to advance to leadership positions or start their own RV manufacturing business.

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