

Harley-Davidson Mechanic Certification and Training Program Overviews

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Certification to work on Harley-Davidson motorcycles is generally preferred or may be required by employers. Continue reading for an overview of the requirements for certification and training programs, as well as job growth and salary info for motorcycle mechanics.

Though you might qualify to become a Harley-Davidson mechanic with just a high school diploma, you'll need further education and training to become certified. Vocational schools and some colleges offer a variety of programs specific to Harley-Davidson vehicles that can lead to certification. Some countries and states require licensure.

Essential Information

Harley-Davidson mechanics must be trained in the specific maintenance and repair of Harley-Davidson motorcycle engines and parts. Some employers may require Harley-Davidson mechanics to have a certificate or degree in the repair of Harley-Davidson motorcycles as well as a valid small engine repair license. Harley-Davidson mechanics may need to obtain licensure or certification to work in certain shops.

Education	At least a high school diploma
Training	Some vocational schools offer certificate and degree programs specific to Harley-Davidsons; Several colleges offer 2-year or 4-year degree programs with emphasis on Harley-Davidsons
Other Requirements	May need state certification and licensing for small engine repair
Specializations	Service technician experts, master service technicians or Master of Service Technology
Median Salary (2018)	£28,790 for motorcycle mechanics
Job Outlook (2018-2028)	9% growth for motorcycle mechanics

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labour Statistics (BLS)

Certification Requirements for Harley Davidson Mechanics

In addition to small engine maintenance duties, Harley-Davidson mechanics are responsible for the inspection, diagnosis and repair of Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Those working as Harley-Davidson mechanics are preferred to have at least a high school diploma and training specific to Harley-Davidson motorcycles. However, academic and experience requirements may vary by employers.

Many countries and states require facilities that repair automobiles, including motorcycles, to be licensed. Licensure may also be required by mechanics working in these facilities. Harley-Davidson mechanics may need to obtain certification and licensure for small engine repair. Credential requirements may vary by state, and continuing education may be necessary to maintain a valid mechanics license. It is recommended to contact the appropriate state for specifics on licensing requirements.

Once achieving a certain amount of experience and knowledge, various advancement opportunities may be available to Harley-Davidson motorcycle mechanics. Some mechanics may become service technician experts, master service

technicians or Master of Service Technology for Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Comprehensive training, testing and continuing education may be required in order to advance into these positions.

Training Program Overviews for Harley Davidson Mechanics

While many vocational schools offer certificate and degree programs in motorcycle maintenance and repair, some schools offer training on the servicing and repair work specific to Harley-Davidsons. These courses may include the assembly of engines, how to work on electrical and engine control systems, and how to work on suspension systems specific to Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Several colleges offer diploma, 2-year and 4-year degree programs with emphasis on Harley-Davidson studies. These specialized programs include specific training on Harley-Davidson motorcycles, diagnostic tools and specialized equipment, as well as non-technical college courses. Some schools may also offer internships with participating Harley-Davidson dealerships.

Employment Outlook and Salary Information

Motorcycle mechanics are expected to have employment growth of 9% over the 2018-2028 decade, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labour Statistics (BLS). The median wage for a motorcycle mechanic in May 2018 was £28,790. The BLS reported most motorcycle mechanics earned salaries ranging from £18,620 to £45,640 at that time.

Some postsecondary schools offer programs that deal specifically with Harley-Davidson vehicles, often including an internship at a Harley-Davidson shop. This training, along with work experience, can pave the way for certification or advancement. Employment opportunities for all motorcycle mechanics are expected to increase at a somewhat faster than the national average for all occupations from 2018 through 2028.

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