AUTOMOTIVE AND TRUCK TECHNOLOGY

If you are making a career in automotive technology, the United States Postal Service operates the largest non-military vehicle fleet in the U.S. with over 205,000 vehicles traveling over one billion miles on our nation’s highways and byways.

We employ over 4,000 vehicle maintenance technicians to maintain our fleet. The Postal Service operates:
  1. 322 vehicle maintenance facilities and auxiliary garages.
  2. Light and medium delivery vehicles, tractors, trailers, service vehicles, and automobiles.

TRAINING

If additional training at no cost is important to you, we provide employees with a variety of training courses to improve and maintain their technical skills on postal vehicles, including:
  1. On-the-job and on-site training.
  2. Major vehicle manufacturer training.
  3. State-of-the-art facilities and campus at the Postal Service’s National Center for Employee Development (NCED) in Norman, Oklahoma.
  4. Satellite training and teleconferences.

ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

If you like working with alternative fuel vehicles, this job is for you. We’re proud to lead the nation in deploying the largest alternative fuel vehicle (AFV) fleet operating on clean-burning fuels throughout the U.S., including:
  1. More than 20,000 flexible-fuel ethanol vehicles using ethanol or gasoline.
  2. Bi-Fuel and dedicated compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE POSITIONS

The Postal Service recruits, tests, screens, selects, and hires qualified applicants for vehicle maintenance positions. Most new employees are designated part-time flexible (PTF) employees. As a PTF, you are paid an hourly rate and work a flexible schedule as required by the workflow needed to maintain the postal fleet. Vehicle maintenance positions include the following:

LEAD AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN: Serves as a working group leader at a maintenance facility or an auxiliary garage without direct supervision. Personally performs the most complex automotive maintenance and repairs on all types of motor vehicles.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN: Performs routine and complex repairs and maintenance on all types of motor vehicles. Troubleshoots and diagnoses more complex vehicle malfunctions using a variety of computerized test equipment. You may provide assistance to other employees.

AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC: Troubleshoots, diagnoses, and performs routine repairs and scheduled maintenance on all types of motor vehicles.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Automotive technicians and mechanics work in a vehicle maintenance facility noted for a clean and safe environment, state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, tools, and shop equipment, and environmentally friendly materials.
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**CITIZENSHIP:** Employees must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE:** resident alien.

**CRIMINAL CONVICTION HISTORY:** Active Duty.

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Employment. Veterans must indicate service and submit Copy 4 of their 18th birthday.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Applicants must provide the names of their current employer and all previous employers for the 10-year period immediately preceding the date of application or to their 16th birthday, whichever is most recent.

**SAFE DRIVING RECORD:** A safe driving record is required for employees who drive at work (i.e. city carrier, motor vehicle operator, etc.).

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EXAMINATIONS — WHAT IS REQUIRED

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**Equal Employment Opportunity**

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**THE EMPLOYMENT PROCESS**

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

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- Pass with a score of 70 on the exam.
- After passing the exam, complete a benchmark test for a career automotive mechanic or technician position.
- Take exams to assess a specific skill or position, completing both tests in two different settings in about two hours.

**LEGAL MUSIC**
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COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS PROGRAMS
COMPENSATION: On top of highly competitive basic pay rates, most Postal Service employees also receive the following:

- Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA).
- Thrift Savings Plan (TSP).
- Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS).
- Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program.

Some employees may be paid the current federal minimum wage rate.

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The Postal Service pays most costs of the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program providing excellent coverage and flexibility. Employee premium contributions are deducted on a pre-tax basis, making health insurance even more affordable.

RETIREMENT: Federal retirement program provides a defined benefit annuity at normal retirement age and disability coverage.

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SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE: New postal employees get Social Security and Medicare coverage.

LIFE INSURANCE: The Postal Service fully pays Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FELICU) costs for basic coverage with an option to purchase additional coverage through payroll deduction.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (FSA): Career employees may participate in the FSA program after one year of service. Tax-free FSA contributions can cover most out-of-pocket health-care and dependent care (day care) expenses.

LEAVE: Full-time career employees earn 13 days per year of generous sick leave to shield against income loss from illness or accident and 10 holidays per year. Annual leave depends on length of service.

- First 3 years — first 13 days annual leave per year.
- After 3 years up to 15 years — 20 days per year.
- After 15 years — 26 days per year.

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Registers list applicants with exam scores of 70 to 100 for potential hiring. Veterans with scores in this range and proof of preference-eligible points receive additional points in their final exam ranking. Applicants are listed in order of descending scores. By law, eligible disabled veterans with proof of disabilities are listed at the top of the register.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS
EXAM ANNOUNCEMENTS — WHERE TO LOOK
- Public bulletin boards in post offices and in local, federal, and state municipal buildings.
- Employment offices.
- Local TV, newspaper, and radio advertisements.
- Community organizations, including minority, women, and veterans’ organizations.

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*Interested applicants should start to gather the documentation for these requirements in advance, so that they will be available when needed. These include, notice of registration with Selective Service, appropriate military discharge records, employment eligibility documents, and any other records that are appropriate.