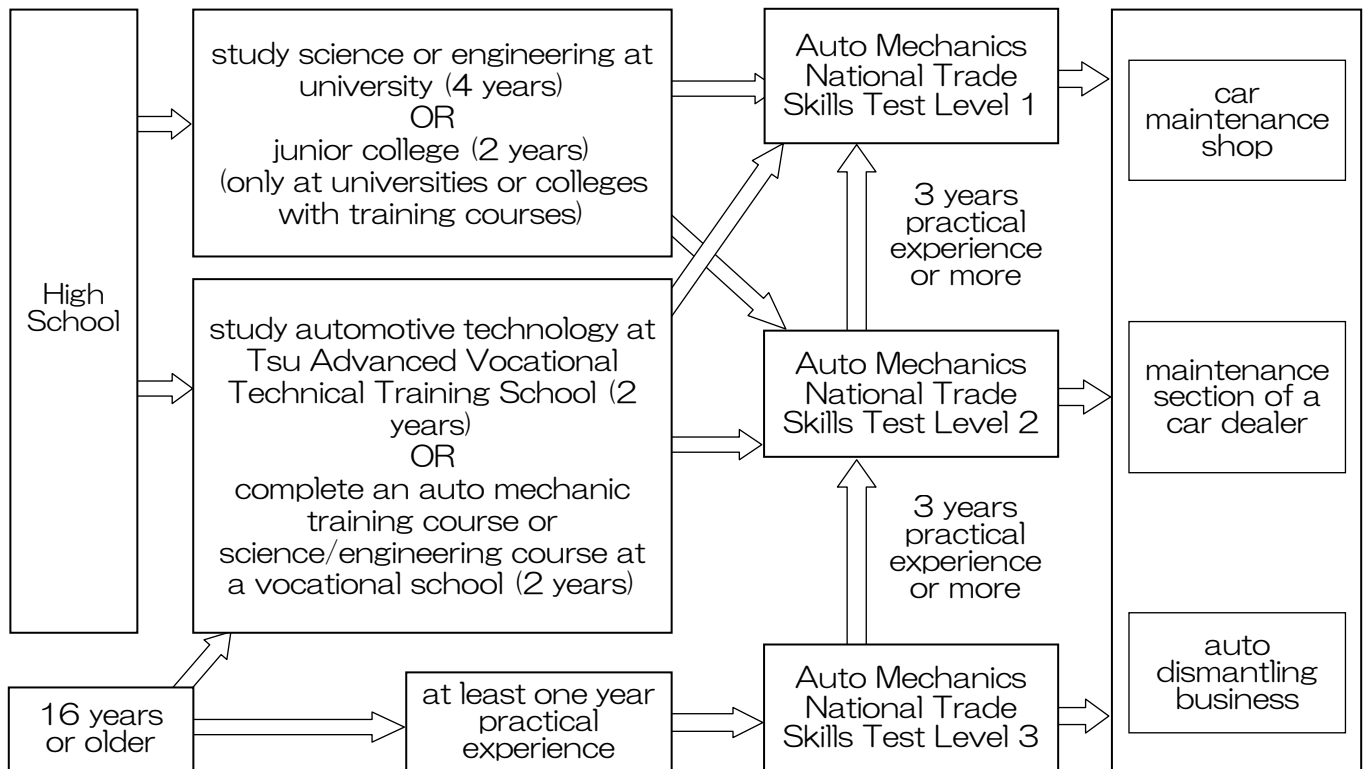


38 Auto Mechanic



An auto mechanic is a professional engineer who maintains and repairs vehicles. It is necessary to gain a national qualification to be a mechanic. This work is crucial for road safety since inadequately maintained vehicles have the potential to cause traffic accidents.

Becoming an auto mechanic:



※ If you complete the designated subjects and graduate from a school designated by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism you will be exempt from the practical skills test part of the exam.

Prepare now:

You will need a high level of Japanese language proficiency in order to study at a vocational school which has an auto mechanic training course. Work towards improving both your native language and Japanese skills. Also make sure to be diligent in your studies at school.

Job prospects:

Mechanics generally find jobs at car maintenance shops, car dealers or car manufacturers. Mechanics also work at body shops (a place where the main metal parts of cars can be repaired), sheet metal plants, auto painting shops, auto parts sales companies, used car dealers and gas stations.

The average annual income is approximately 3.8 million to 4 million yen. If you have the auto mechanics level 2 qualification or higher, then it is possible to earn more depending on your ability.

Tuition:

Studying at Tsu Advanced Vocational Technical Training School for 2 years costs upwards of 400,000 yen. If you are not able to pay for tuition due to financial reasons you may be exempt from paying or you may be eligible for a tuition fee reduction. Auto mechanic training courses at a vocational schools cost upwards of 2 million yen for 2 years.