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JOB PROFILE

Motorcycle / small-engine mechanic

Mekániku motór no máquina ki'ik

Mechanics, electrical & technical · ISCO-08 7231

Motorcycle mechanics find out why a motorbike will not run well, then service and repair its engine, brakes, chain, wheels and wiring. Timor-Leste has national certificates for this work, from small engines up to motorcycle mechanic.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**Certificate II–III** INDMO national certificates
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**To confirm** No demand data for Timor yet
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia: any job with an offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$276 / month** Average for all craft & trades workers in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Find the fault: Ask the rider what is wrong; Listen to the engine and test-ride the bike; Check the fuel, spark, battery and wiring.

Repair: Take apart and repair engines and gearboxes; Fix brakes, clutches, chains and suspension; Replace worn or broken parts.

Service: Change oil, filters and spark plugs; Adjust the chain, brakes and carburettor; Fix punctures and fit new tyres.

Run the workshop: Keep tools in order and the workshop safe; Tell the customer what is wrong before you fix it; Write down the work done and parts used.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 7231, Motor vehicle mechanics and repairers, which includes motorcycle mechanics.

WHERE YOU WORK

Motorbike repair shops (Repairs for the public); Motorbike dealers (Servicing new bikes); Small engines (The national certificates also cover small engines); Your own roadside stall (Starting small, near a busy road).

The work is oily and dirty, and you squat, kneel and lift parts all day. A small workshop can start with a few good tools.

In 2017, automotive was the second trade employers hired most from training centres, after construction and masonry. There is no published data yet on motorcycle mechanics alone.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Finding out why something is broken, Using tools, Patience, Honest dealing with customers, Basic maths for prices and parts.

You like: Motorbikes and engines, Working with your hands, Solving puzzles, Being your own boss.

Customers come back to a mechanic they trust. Repair manuals are often in English, so English helps.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Certificate II in Service and Repair of Small Engines** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate III in Motorcycle/Small Engine Mechanic** · INDMO national certificate

Which centres teach these certificates, course length and fees: to confirm with INDMO. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Workshop helper** · Certificate II in Service and Repair of Small Engines
- **Motorcycle mechanic** · Certificate III in Motorcycle/Small Engine Mechanic
- **Motor vehicle mechanic** · Cars, trucks and buses (ISCO 7231)
- **Your own repair shop** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · There is no official programme that sends Timorese motorcycle mechanics abroad yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer first.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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