

Q1. Will an NDP government continue to support training for automotive tradespeople and fund programs like SDF to help train and upskill tradespeople?

Yes, an Ontario NDP government will strongly support training for automotive tradespeople, and fund programs like SDF to help train and upskill tradespeople. Our comprehensive Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) Strategy will take a total supply chain approach, with investments and training to ensure that parts and manufacturing for ZEVs happen right here in Ontario.

As outlined in our Green New Democratic Deal, we will work with universities, colleges, unions and employers to fast-track workers with industry experience and provide tuition grants for programs geared toward expanding the net-zero economy, and we will develop specialized recruitment and training programs.

New Democrats will also invest to create thousands of new, paid co-op and internship opportunities and double Ontario's Career Ready Program (from 2020 levels) so that post-secondary students and graduates can get real-life work experience, many of them in the auto manufacturing and service sector.

Q2. Will an NDP government introduce right to repair legislation that maintains owners' access to their vehicle data and to be able to choose where they service their vehicle?

Yes, we will work with stakeholders like the AIA to explore the idea of right to repair legislation. Federal NDP MP Brian Masse has previously introduced automotive right to repair legislation – we will work with our federal colleagues on how to collaborate on an appropriate approach for Ontario.

Q3. Would you work with the collision repair industry and explore the certification of the collision repair industry?

Yes, we will work with the AIA and other stakeholders to explore the certification of the collision repair industry.