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## Choosing smart-phone repairing as career

What does a mobile repairer do? Mobile Phone Repairers are responsible for fitting, testing, analysing and repairing different kinds of mobile phones and smartphones. The individual at work is responsible for rectifying faults in the mobile phone brought in by the customer. The individual receives the faulty mobile phone, diagnoses the problems, performs front end or hardware level repair as

**Educational and Skill requirement:** Those who are averse to education or those who may not be able to afford college education will find that a mobile phone repairing job does not require higher education. Instead, it requires people taking up this career to be gadget-savvy and to have an inclination towards learning new techniques and methods. In fact, it is among the best career options for dropouts and people who do not wish to study further academically. In its way forward, the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) which is an apex body for skill development and certification in the electronics sector has developed 'Qualification Packs for Mobile Phone Hardware Repair Technician NSQF level - 4' for ITIs' candidates with a Pan-India training ecosystem. The council has aligned its skilling capability to the industry requirements and is making an all-out effort in ensuring the industry requirements for skilled and certified Mobile Phone Hardware Repair Technicians with relevant technical capabilities, thus giving a boost

**Career Opportunity:** As a fresher in the industry, you can get job roles at various mobile repairing service centres/support centres or at large mobile phone retail outlets or electronics repair workshops or facilities as:

1. SmartPhone Repair Technician
2. Service Technician
3. Test and Repair Technician

In the entry-level jobs: You may expect to get about Rs. 8, 000.00 -Rs, 15,000.00 per month. If one works for large retailers, they have to work nearly 9-10 hours daily or they may also work in shifts. If they are self-employed, they may set their own work timings. The employment opportunities a technician comes across after finishing education.

1. Mobile Service Centre
2. Mobile Company
3. Refurbished manufacturer

**Future career prospects:** As technology is rapidly progressing, a new potential in the cellular repair industry is growing. According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, currently there are more than one billion mobile users in the country. It is estimated to be one and a half billion by the year 2022. This will open up new employment opportunities for

Refurbishing section opening a new career avenue: Now the refurbishing sector has opened up a large segment. According to a sales report by the organized sector of the last year, approximately 14 million refurbished smartphones were sold. Still, 90 percent of the refurbished market in India continues to be unorganized. But there is tremendous potential for growth as smartphone penetration in the country, where needed lots of skilled manpower for handset repairing.

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