



# Airport Ramp Attendant

## Education and Training

Airport Ramp Attendants need to complete high school. A driver's license and a good driving record are usually required.

## Nature of Work

Ramp attendants are an important part of an airline. They get the baggage on board and make sure its weight is evenly distributed. They get the food on board for the passengers and crew, clean the plane inside and out, and help make sure baggage arrives to the right destination.

## Main Duties

- Drive and operate ramp-servicing vehicles and equipment such as towing tractors, food service trucks, de-icer sprayers and lavatory servicing trucks.
- Position passenger-loading stairs and operate aircraft cargo doors.
- Marshal or tow aircrafts to gate positions for passenger boarding and deplaning and loading and unloading of cargo.
- Sort and load cargo and passenger baggage according to instructions forwarded by load planner to achieve proper balance.
- Unload, sort and route cargo and baggage.
- Transport freight between aircraft and airport warehouse.
- Clean and prepare aircraft interior for passengers and wash aircraft exterior.

## Typical Employer

Large and small airlines

## Additional Information

Air Canada  
[www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com)  
 WestJet  
[www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com)  
 Canadian Auto Workers  
[www.caw.ca](http://www.caw.ca)



## Earnings

Low: \$18,000  
 Average: \$40,000  
 High: \$51,000

## Essential Characteristics

- Physically fit
- Effective communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Strong organizational skills

