THE MARKET / A PRICE SNAPSHOT

Mechanic Cost in Christchurch

Published car service menus, common job prices, labour rate guides and 4,133 Google reviews on the 15 most-reviewed Christchurch garages. Checked on 17 November 2026.

FULL YEARLY SERVICE
$195 to $339

Johalz Premium $195, Mr Singh Gold $269, Pit Stop Extensive $299, AA Silver $309, Tony's Express Plus $339. Middle $284. [1] [2] [3] [4] [13]

ALL PUBLISHED PACKAGES
$109 to $599

From a $109 oil change (Mr Singh) to the $599 Premium at Auto Super Shoppe Shirley. Most are "from" prices for a 4-cylinder petrol car. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

LABOUR, PER HOUR
$90 to $125 + GST

Hoist's 2026 range for Christchurch general work; up to $170 + GST for specialists. No garage we checked publishes its rate. [7] [8]

What the data shows

Eight menus cover Christchurch: AA, Pit Stop, Tony's, Advantage Tyres, Auto Super Shoppe Shirley, Johalz Garage, Mr Singh Tyre & Auto and Papanui Tyre & Auto. 11 of the 15 most-reviewed garages show no service price of their own. Only AA and Johalz say prices include GST. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [9] [13]

4,133 Google reviews: 675 in the last 12 months, 450 of those answered. 975 mention price, cost, value or a quote; 98 mention another garage or a second opinion; 201 have three stars or fewer, 83 of them about money. [9]

Method. We read the garages' websites and the chains' price menus, Google's AI Overview and labour rate guides, and every Google review on 15 Christchurch profiles. No garage was asked for a quote. [9]

01 / SERVICE PRICES

Car service menus

Published prices, Christchurch, 17 November 2026. Standard oil, 4-cylinder petrol car.

Business	Basic	Full yearly	Top level	GST
Johalz Garage	from $115	from $195; $250	–	Included [1]
Mr Singh Tyre & Auto	$109; $209	$269	$349	Not stated [2]
Papanui Tyre & Auto	from $160	–	–	Not stated [6]
Advantage Tyres	$159 oil change	–	–	Online price [10]
Pit Stop (national)	from $249	from $299	from $429	Not stated [3]
Tony’s (Tuam St page)	from $259	from $339	–	Not stated [4]
Auto Super Shoppe Shirley	from $185; $258	–	from $473; $599	Not stated [5]
AA Auto Centre	$269 ($249 members)	$309 ($279)	$369 ($329)	Included [13]

Levels grouped by SEO4. Tony’s national page shows $249 and $319 for the same two services. AA Silver was $249 for members in a 17 Aug to 30 Sep 2026 sale.

02 / COMMON JOBS AND LABOUR

WOF, brakes, alignment, labour

Prices on the same menus, and what guides say an hour costs.

Job	Published prices	Src
Car WOF	Johalz $70; Papanui $75; Auto Super Shoppe $79; AA $91 ($81 members)	[1] [5] [6] [13]
Wheel alignment	Johalz $75; Advantage $99; Auto Super Shoppe $120	[1] [5] [10]
Puncture repair	Johalz $45; Auto Super Shoppe $50; Advantage $59	[1] [5] [10]
Brake pads, one axle	Johalz from $150; Papanui from $220 (incl parts); Auto Super Shoppe from $299	[1] [5] [6]
Brake fluid	Johalz from $80; Auto Super Shoppe $153	[1] [5]
Fault code scan	Johalz from $60	[1]
Pre-purchase inspection	Johalz from $180	[1]

Labour rate guide	Range
Hoist 2026, Christchurch general servicing	$90 to $115 + GST
Hoist 2026, repairs and diagnostics	$105 to $130 + GST
Hoist 2026, European and specialist	$130 to $170 + GST
MoneyHub (Mar 2024, NZ-wide)	$100 to $140
Google AI Overview	$90 to $170+

03 / RIGHTS AND SECOND OPINIONS

Quotes, estimates, WOF rechecks

What the rules say, and what reviewers report.

Rule	Detail	Src
Quote vs estimate	A quote is a fixed price; an estimate is a best guess that can change	[11]
No price agreed	Consumer Guarantees Act: reasonable care, reasonable price	[11]
Failed WOF	Free recheck within 28 days at the same inspection business; repairs can be done anywhere	[12]

Review-reported case	First quote	Paid elsewhere
Rear brake pads, 2026	$440	under $150
Repairs to pass a WOF, 2017	$2,500	$500
A repair, 2023 (YM Auto)	$1,000 elsewhere	$350
A repair, 2023 (Magoo quote)	$966 incl GST	$620
Wheel bearing, 2026	over $600	about $100 less (Johalz)

Reviewers' own figures, not verified; jobs may not have been identical. No reviewer is named.

04 / REVIEWS AND WHO TO CALL

4,133 reviews

Every Google review on 15 Christchurch garage profiles, 17 November 2026.

Three garages to call first

Google 4.8+, 150+ reviews, 70%+ of last year's reviews answered; ranked by new reviews.

Garage	Phone	Rating, reviews	New (answered)
1. Johalz Garage	03 379 1166	4.9, 326	137 (127)
2. The Mechanics	03 379 9080	4.9, 362	89 (89)
3. Mr Singh Tyre & Auto	03 261 9147	4.8, 356	83 (83)

SEO4 Price Score

Eight checks, 0 to 2 points: menu, priced extras, GST, rating, new reviews, replies, price complaints, review count.

Garage	Score	Garage	Score
Johalz Garage	15/16	Pit Stop Christchurch	8/16
Mr Singh Tyre & Auto	11/16	YM Auto	8/16
Papanui Tyre & Auto	10/16	Matipo Garage	5/16
The Mechanics	10/16	Guy's Garage & Tyres	4/16
Auto Super Shoppe Burnside	9/16	Mechanics on Grafton	4/16

None of these garages are SEO4 clients. A public snapshot from 17 November 2026, written in good faith; the score says nothing about the quality of the repairs. [9]

05 / HOW TO PAY A FAIR PRICE

Ask five questions

Service prices compare only when the checklist, the oil and the GST match.

Before you hand over the keys
What does the service include? Is GST included? What is your hourly rate? Will you call me before extra work? Is this a quote or an estimate?

Check a service price or a repair quote with the free calculator in the full article: **seo4.co.nz/blog/mechanic-cost-christchurch**. Garages that want a clearer price page can contact SEO4 at seo4.co.nz/pricing-contact.

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