

SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES

PIPE TRADES APPRENTICESHIP

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Apprenticeship

Plumber & Steamfitter

The San Diego & Imperial Counties Joint Apprenticeship Committee dispenses applications for apprenticeship training in the pipe trades industry to all qualified applicants on a non-discriminatory basis. The Joint Apprenticeship Committee is committed to Equal Opportunity for all persons, regardless of age, race, color, national origin or gender. MINORITIES AND WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. This announcement does not guarantee employment.

6 STEPS TO BECOME A PLUMBER OR STEAMFITTER APPRENTICE

INFORMATION TO MEET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Age: Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
2. Original birth certificate, we **only** accept an original birth certificate, we **do not accept** a photo copy, hospital certificates or baptismal records. If you were not born in this country, you must provide a translated copy of your birth certificate.
3. Original High School Diploma or G.E.D. Certificate; if you do not have your high school diploma, you must provide transcripts from your high school with your name, date of birth, and date of graduation. It must be stamped with the school seal and received in a sealed envelope from the school.
4. Physical Requirements: Must be able to perform the physical requirements of the trade.
5. Must have a valid California Driver's License and reliable transportation.
6. Pass the Piping Industry Entry Level Assessment written exam with a score of 40 out of 53 questions correct.
7. Oral Interview pass or fail.

STEP #1 – REGISTRATION:

Register at the San Diego & Imperial Counties Pipe Trades Apprenticeship office located at 6225 Federal Blvd., San Diego, CA 92114 on Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You must submit the following documents:

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4. Valid California Driver's License.

After completing the registration requirements your name will be placed on the waiting list for the written exam.

STEP #2 WRITTEN EXAM:

Notification by mail to the provided contact information for the written exam. Upon passing the written exam your name will be placed on the applicant list to proceed to step #3. If you are unable to be reached, we will proceed to the next name on the list.

STEP #3 - ORAL INTERVIEW:

Upon successfully passing the Piping Industry Entry Level Assessment written exam, notification will be mailed to your contact information for an oral interview.

STEP #4 – APPLICANT:

Upon successfully passing of steps #2 and #3, applicants will be considered for placement into the apprenticeship program as needed.

STEP #5 – DRUG AND ALCOHOL SCREENING:

Applicants must take and pass a drug and alcohol screening, at no monetary cost to the applicant, in order to be placed in the San Diego & Imperial Counties Pipe Trades Apprenticeship Program. Applicants failing the drug and alcohol screening will be required to re-register for the program.

STEP #6 – PROGRAM PLACEMENT:

After a successful drug and alcohol screening an orientation meeting will be scheduled.

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**BELOW YOU WILL FIND ANSWERS TO MOST OF YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.**

What is Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a combination of “on the job training” and classroom instruction. First and second year apprentices may be assigned to attend daytime training. Daytime training will be scheduled one day every other week. Third through fifth year apprentices will attend evening classes scheduled twice weekly. Apprentices work for local contractors under the guidance of a Journeyman and are paid by the contractors for work performed while learning their trade.

How long is the Apprenticeship Program?

The Plumbers/Pipefitters Apprenticeship is a five-year program.

How Much Does The Apprenticeship Cost?

The only cost associated with the Apprenticeship Program is the initiation fee to join the local union and monthly dues.

How Much Will I Earn as an Apprentice?

Starting wages for a first-year apprentice is 45% of Journeyman wages, plus benefits. As apprentices complete each year of work and classroom instruction, they are advanced to the next wage level. The hourly wage for a fifth year apprentice is 80% of Journeyman wages, plus benefits. A Journeyman currently earns \$44.16/hour, plus benefits.

Does This Apprenticeship Qualify for VA Benefits?

YES. Our program is approved for VA Benefits. Upon acceptance into the apprenticeship program, our administrative assistant will assist you with the required forms.

Pre Employment Drug Testing

Most employers in Local 230’s jurisdiction require drug testing. Local 230 will give you more information on their policy. You will also be required to take a drug test prior to being accepted into the apprenticeship program at no cost to you.

You must inform the San Diego & Imperial Counties Pipe Trades Apprenticeship office of any change of your contact information. You may contact Suzanne Hunt at the Apprenticeship office at 6225 Federal Blvd, San Diego, Ca, 92114, (619) 262-7589. **If you are unable to be reached, we will go to the next applicant on the list.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAM