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If you are an experienced working as a plumber, fill out the application found at the link below:

<https://firesafety.vermont.gov/licensing/plumbing>

The plumbing board will review your hours and affidavits to determine if you have the necessary qualifications to take to the test. If you do not, they will instruct you on the next steps.

If you are a beginner in the field, you need to go through the **Vermont Apprenticeship Program**. This is a two-year program for plumbers, and once you have successfully completed the training, you will set up an appointment to take your test with the plumbing board.

The following information is from the VT Dept of Labor. More information can be found at the link below:

<http://labor.vermont.gov/workforce-development/job-training-education-and-apprenticeship/apprenticeship>

Vermont Apprenticeship Program: FAQs

What is An Apprentice? An apprentice is an employee who learns a craft through planned, supervised on-the-job training combined with classroom instruction. In addition, apprentices are taught the proper use, care and safe handling of their tools and equipment.

What is the difference between apprenticeship and other types of training?

Apprenticeship includes on-the-job training and classroom instruction which usually occur simultaneously. The result is that apprentices learn both the theoretical and practical aspects of the job. Apprentices are taught all of the craft skills associated with the trade, and not just a few related segments.

How is the training structured? Most apprenticeship programs last from 2 to 4 years. Apprentices work on actual job sites under the supervision of qualified journey workers. The training may include courses in mathematics, sciences, and other craft-related technical subjects.

What is a journey worker? A journey worker is a person fully skilled in a trade. Some trades also have a master, which is a higher level of skilled worker.

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How much are apprentices paid? New apprentices typically earn 50 percent of the journey worker wage and, if progress is satisfactory, they usually receive increases every 6 months. Most apprentice entry-level wages range from \$9.00 to \$11.00 per hour.

Apprentices nearing the end of their training generally earn 90 to 95 percent of the journey worker wage, which typically ranges from \$14.00 to \$20.00 per hour.

What does it take to qualify as an apprentice? Qualifications vary from program to program. Almost all require a high school diploma or GED certificate, some basic mathematics and science courses, aptitude and the physical ability to perform the work.

Can I get help to qualify? Yes. If you are having difficulty with basic math skills, writing or reading comprehension, you should contact Adult Basic Education at 1-800-322-4004.

If you are a woman who needs assistance or training to qualify for entry into a non-traditional trade, you should contact your local VT DOL Career Resource Center.

What types of apprenticeship programs are available? The Apprenticeship Division currently has over 800 Vermonters registered in more than 30 trades. All are employed in the crafts of their choice and, when they complete the program, enjoy continued employment at a higher, skilled rate of pay. These programs include electrical, plumbing, sheet metal, child care development and line maintenance.

How can I become an apprentice? If you are employed, your employer should contact the Apprenticeship office in Montpelier at 828-4356. An Apprenticeship Field Representative will be sent to make an on-site visit. This representative will help you and your sponsor complete an Apprenticeship Agreement.

If you are not employed, you can find employers who may be interested in a variety of ways, including contacting your local VT DOL Career Resource Center. You can also apply directly to employers who employ the type of workers in occupations in which you are interested. For example, if you would like to be a plumbing apprentice, you could apply for work with any of the local plumbing contractors. If you were interested in becoming a child care development specialist, you could check with any of the local day care centers. You may also check with any of the apprenticeship sponsors listed on this site. (Being listed as an apprenticeship sponsor does not mean the company is looking for apprentices; it only means that they are participating in the program.)

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What is an "Agreement to Indenture" form? This agreement informs both the program sponsor (employer) and the apprentice of their rights and obligations during the training period. Under the agreement, the apprentice receives supervised instruction, increased job security and periodic wage increases throughout the training period. A sponsor benefits by way of improved job performance as new skills are learned and perfected.

What do I get when I complete the Apprenticeship program? Each graduate of the Apprenticeship program receives a Completion Certificate. This certificate, recognized nationwide, attests to the apprentice's achievement and abilities.

What About High School Students? High school and technical students who are enrolled in a course of study that includes an employer/employee relationship within the community should ask their high school instructor or guidance counselor to contact the Apprenticeship office at 828-4356.

If you are an employee who wants to learn new skills with your present employer to advance and earn more money, you should discuss the apprenticeship program with your employer. You can ask that they contact the Apprenticeship Division at 828-4356 for additional information and an on-site visit. If you are not currently employed, you should contact your local VT DOL Career Resource Center for job placement assistance or, as above, you can contact employers directly.

If you are an employer who would like to upgrade the skills of your workforce, please feel free to contact the Apprenticeship Division at 828-4356. An Apprenticeship Field Representative will conduct an on-site visit and help you with developing a successful Apprenticeship program.