

# How can I become an Apprentice



## in the Unionized Plumbing & Gas-Fitting Industry of New York City?

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Apprenticeship is a structured system of training designed to prepare individuals for occupation in the skilled trade of Plumbing and Gas-Fitting. It combines on-the-job training, under the supervision of experienced Journeypersons, with related classroom instruction. Apprentices who successfully complete the prescribed number of hours of training in our registered apprenticeship program are awarded certificates of completion and graduate to recognized Journeyman status in the Plumbing and Gas-Fitting industry.

Apprenticeship is one of the oldest forms of vocational training known to man. It is a mutual investment in human capital by employers, employees, and public agencies. Apprenticeship is a system of training that particularly meets the needs of the Plumbing Industry. **Plumbers & Gas-Fitters Local Union No. 1 and the Association of Contracting Plumbers of NYC** provide the career training without charging tuition!

The planned and structured training involves learning a progression of tasks on the job, under supervision, combined with Related and Supplemental Instruction in classroom and shop settings which integrate the why and how of the job.

An apprentice is a full-time employee of a Licensed Master Plumber, who is assigned progressively complex tasks with corresponding salary adjustments until occupational proficiency is achieved. Apprentices learn while earning a living wage with benefits. **The length of apprenticeship is 5 years.** If the apprentice meets the requirements of the program, advancement is given every 6 months, with annual wage increases.

**Working Conditions:** Plumbing is hard, physical work, and is performed throughout the year, in all kinds of weather, inside and out. Ditch work, elevated work, and jobs in uncomfortable conditions are common. Potential hazards on the job require constant "Good Safety" attitude and practice. One day every other week, an apprentice attends paid daytime classes where attitude and attention are also important for success.

QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR AN APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A  
PROBATIONARY PLUMBER/GAS-FITTER APPRENTICE POSITION:

1. The applicant must obtain the application in person (Bringing a form of Positive I.D. such as Drivers License). Only 1 application per person.
2. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at time of filing (Proof Required).
3. A filing fee and testing fee must be paid at time of filing.
4. Must have a high school diploma from a 4 year accredited High School OR a High School Equivalency Diploma issued by the State Education Department.
5. Must appear for an interview with the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee on a scheduled date.
6. Must appear to take an aptitude test approved by the New York State Department of Labor on a scheduled date.
7. This is a 5 year program, and the applicant must be a permanent legal resident of the United States at the time of selection to start the program.
8. The applicant must be physically fit, and able to take and pass a drug screening test, at the time of job offer.

Applications for entry into the Apprenticeship Program of Plumbers & Gas-Fitters Local Union No 1 are made available on a periodic basis, at the discretion of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, and in cooperation with the New York State Department of Labor.

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**THE NEXT ANTICIPATED DATE FOR APPLICATIONS  
TO BE DISTRIBUTED IS:**

**Summer of 2024**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS !**

**Check in with Local 1 for more information on  
Apprenticeship – go to [www.UALOCAL1.org](http://www.UALOCAL1.org)**



**Plumbers & Gas-Fitters Local Union No. 1 is a proud part of:**

**The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the**

**Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada.**

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The Apprenticeship program is open to all qualified applicants.