

Is an Apprenticeship Right for You?

The way to a skilled trade is an Apprenticeship Program.

You can obtain both training and work experience in a skilled profession - such as electrician, carpenter, plumber or dispensing optician - through an apprenticeship program. Working under the direct supervision of a journey person, apprentices receive on-the-job training supplemented by 150 hours per year of related classroom instruction. Training programs can run between two and five years.

Where to get more information.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Apprentice Training, approves and registers Massachusetts apprenticeship programs. Program sponsors offer both formal apprenticeship programs and pre-apprenticeship opportunities for high school juniors and seniors as a way to start preparing for a career while still in high school.

The Division of Apprentice Training is the office of record for the registered apprentices in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are not a job placement facility, nor do we do any direct training.

To become an apprentice we suggest you visit your local career center. You can find a list of the career centers by logging on to our website at www.mass.gov/dat then click on FOR JOB SEEKERS, under the heading ONLINE SERVICES on left side of screen - click on link FIND A CAREER CENTER NEAR YOU . You may also contact the local union in your area and find out when they are taking applications. A list of the local unions can also be found on our website under Apprenticeship for Workers. You should also check your local newspaper classifieds.

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