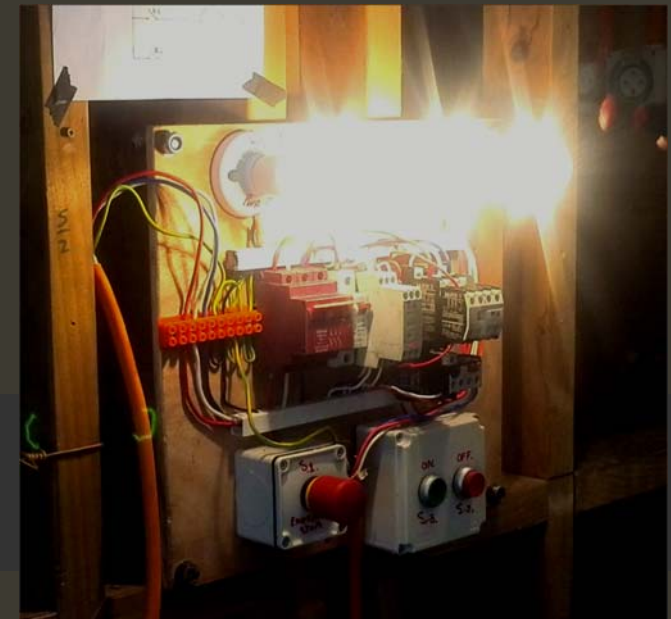


APPRENTICESHIPS IN...

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING



WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a way to learn valuable skills while working and earning money. Apprentices go to classes at the National University of Samoa's Institute of Technology, and work for qualified tradespeople who pass on their skills and knowledge. Apprenticeships usually last three or four years, but they can be shorter if you already have a relevant qualification.

WHY DO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

EARN A CERTIFICATE IV – SAMOA'S HIGHEST TRADE QUALIFICATION

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING JOBS HERE AND OVERSEAS

MAKE MONEY WHILE LEARNING

WHO CAN DO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

If you've finished Year 11 you can do an apprenticeship, no matter how old you are. If you're already experienced in a trade, it may be better to do the Trade Test, which awards formal qualifications to people with existing skills.

FEES

Fees vary for each year taken and will be made available at the start of each training

FINDING AN EMPLOYER

Before applying for an apprenticeship through the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour, you must find an employer willing to take you on as an apprentice. If you are having difficulty, contact the Ministry for advice.

APPLICATIONS

Applications usually open in December and close in February or March. Classes usually start in the second week of May. For specific dates and the application form, contact the Ministry.

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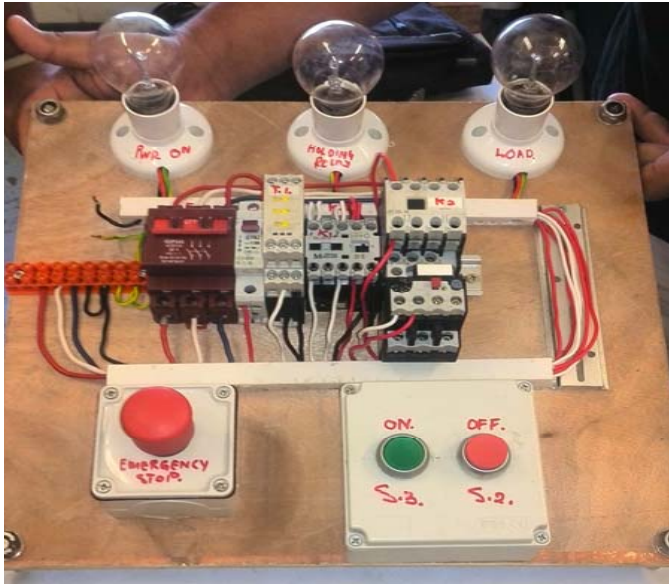


DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING APPRENTICE

Some electrical apprentices work in factories or workshops, and some visit customers at their homes or businesses. They might even work on the equipment that transmits power, like poles and wires along roads.

Apprentices usually work Monday to Friday and go to classes from 5pm to 8pm, Monday to Thursday.

Alternatively, they can go to class full time for a week.



BRIGHTEN *your* FUTURE *with an* APPRENTICESHIP *in* ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.



Every time you turn on a light, you have an electrician to thank. Electricians get power to buildings, and through the buildings' walls to the power outlets. Sometimes they work on the wiring inside machines, too.

SUCCESS STORY



Mamea Antonio Mamea

Mamea graduated in 1988 with his Due Completion Certificate in the Electrical Trade.

He is currently the H.O.D (Head of Department) for the NUS Electrical Department, a position he has held for few years now after over 20 years of lecturing and teaching at the Samoa Polytechnic, which is now under the National University of Samoa.

Mamea is one of the lectures that are teaching the Electrical trade for apprentices under the scheme.

Mamea says that "no matter what age you are and what education background you have as long as you have the skill, then it is never too late to be an apprentice. This will also a affordable way to help you secure your future financially..."