

# APPRENTICESHIPS IN...

## FITTING AND MACHINING



### 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 A FITTING AND MACHINING APPRENTICE

You might work in a workshop, factory or visit customers. 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.



*Get the cogs of*  
**YOUR  
FUTURE**   
*turning*  
**WITH AN APPRENTICESHIP IN  
FITTING &  
MACHINING**

A fitter and machinists creates parts out of metal (machining) and fits them together (fitting) to make equipment. They play a crucial role in the manufacturing industry. They need to be good at understanding plans and designs and working with hand tools.

## SUCCESS STORY



**Name:** Masoe Fepuleai Selefuti Patu

Graduated from the Apprenticeship Scheme under the Fitting and Machining trade in 1973. He was one of the first graduates of this program since its establishment in 1972.

Masoe was employed by many Companies that needed his skills and experience, and every time he was hired the employers would double or triple his salary.

He was also one of the few men who were in-charge of monitoring, servicing and fixing of the Town Clock..

*"I was able to complete and graduate from the Apprenticeship Scheme, because of the help I received from the elders of this trade. I would always seek their opinion and ideas when needed. I would share what I learnt from classes, and they would share their skills with me..."* Selefuti Patu