

APPRENTICESHIPS IN...

MOTOR MECHANICS



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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SUCCESS STORY

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MOTOR MECHANIC APPRENTICE

Most mechanics work in a workshop, and some will go to their customers if their vehicle has broken down. 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.



Crazy about cars?

PASSION

Turn
your

GREAT

into a

◆◆◆ **CAREER** ◆◆◆

with an apprenticeship in

MOTOR MECHANICS.

Motor mechanics work on all types of vehicles, like cars, vans, buses, bulldozers and tractors. They service and fix engines, transmission systems, suspension systems and electrical parts.



Nolopeto Lemisio Ng Lam
(Owner of the Ng Lam Motors at Alafua)

A 2010 graduate under the Motor Mechanic Trade.

"I learnt many skills about motor mechanic during my studies under the Samoa Apprenticeship Scheme, it has given me a better life since graduating, and also helped me in terms of getting my Mechanic license to operate on cars that needs fixing at my business..."

"...my encouragement to all the young ones, that being part of the Apprenticeship program is a whole new world, you do not need to be a lawyer, doctor, etc to be able to provide for your families, you can also be a mechanic and be able to provide for your loved ones, like me..."

"Graduating from this Scheme has made me the person I am today..." Nolopeto Lemisio Ng Lam