

APPRENTICESHIPS IN...

PLUMBING



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 PLUMBING APPRENTICE

Plumbers may fix problems or install new pipes or equipment in homes and other buildings. They may also work on construction sites or at other outdoor locations. 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.



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while you

LEARN

with an apprenticeship in



PLUMBING

Plumbers install, test and fix water pipes, gas pipes, pumps, water tanks, toilet systems, roofing and drains. They need to be good with their hands, and good at understanding technical plans and designs.

SUCCESS STORY



Vagana Steve Faaea (Samoa Water Authority)

Graduated from the Apprenticeship Scheme in 1992 while working for the Public Works (now known as MWIT). After graduating I was promoted to Foreman under the Water Division. In 1994, Samoa Water Authority was established with a whole new management restructure, I was lucky enough to be nominated by SWA for a Govt. scholarship, which I got due to Apprenticeship Certificate. I have worked for the EU Project from Denmark as a Supervisor, and then back with SWA after my contract with EU projects. I am now a Water Technician/Engineer for the Leak Detection Division.

"I encourage every student to take up Apprenticeship, it's a Qualification worth having, it can take you to levels that I am today. Being a skilled tradesperson makes good money and can take you to places and promotes you to different levels...."

Vagana Steve Faaea