

APPRENTICESHIPS IN...

REFRIGERATION AND AIR- CONDITIONING



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 REFRIGERATION AND AIR-CONDITIONING APPRENTICE

Work is carried out anywhere there's air conditioning or refrigeration—in homes, office buildings, warehouses—even on ships. 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.



Learn **SKILLS**
valuable

..... with a

REFRIGERATION

&

AIR-CONDITIONING

APPRENTICESHIP
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Refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) specialists have a range of skills, from welding to pipefitting to electrical wiring. Sometimes they install RAC units part-by-part, and sometimes they'll come pre-assembled and only require simple installation. They also find and fix problems with RAC units.



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"I have been working for several refrigeration businesses in the past years, even with out any formal training/qualification. In 2003, I started working for Vailima Breweries, it was here that I started my Apprenticeship Certificate. I graduated in 2007, after serving my whole 4 years, after attaining my certificate Vailima then gave me a pay rise..."

"I am now currently employed by the NUS as a lecturer for the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning department..."

"My advise to everyone who has skills and are currently working, come and take up the Apprenticeship Program, once you've completed this program and have graduated, you'll sure be recognize within your workplace and also other workplaces, and this recognition will guarantee you a pay rise or even a promotion..."