



— RPM PHASE ONE —

# CONSTRUCTION CAREERS

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# CONSTRUCTION TRADES INFORMATION

To be eligible to work in the trades, all unions require a high school diploma or GED, a valid drivers license, and drug test. Some unions also require an entrance exam for entry. Additional requirements for specific trades are highlighted below.

	CARPENTERS	CEMENT MASON	ELECTRICIANS	LABORERS	IRON WORKERS
<b>APPRENTICESHIP TYPE</b>	Contractor sponsored	Contractor sponsored	Not contractor sponsored	Contractor sponsored	Not contractor sponsored
<b>LENGTH OF APPRENTICESHIP</b>	4 years	3 years	5 years	2 years	3 years
<b>INTAKE OPENINGS</b>	Annually	Open enrollment	Every Wednesday 9am-11pm	Open enrollment	Sept. 11 Oct. 9 Nov. 13 Dec. 11
<b>PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING</b>	Based on contractor need. See contractor for interest.	N/A	Based on contractor need. See contractor for interest.	N/A	N/A
<b>AGE REQUIREMENT</b>	17 years	17 years	17 years	18 years	18 years
<b>APPLICATION FEE</b>	\$25	\$25	\$25	Contractor pays ALL fees	\$25
<b>DOCUMENTS NEEDED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Drivers license or State ID</li> <li>» Officially sealed high school transcripts, GED certificate, or high school diploma</li> <li>» Social security card</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» High school diploma or GED completion certificate</li> <li>» Drivers license or photo ID</li> <li>» Social security card and/or proof you may legally work in the U.S.</li> <li>» Proof of residency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Birth certificate or passport</li> <li>» Drivers license</li> <li>» Social security card</li> <li>» High school transcript</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Birth certificate</li> <li>» Valid drivers license</li> <li>» Social security card</li> <li>» High school diploma, GED, or up to 10<sup>th</sup> grade of high school transcripts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Birth certificate or passport</li> <li>» Social security card</li> <li>» DD-24 (if veteran)</li> <li>» Drivers license or State ID</li> </ul>

OPERATING ENGINEERS	PAINTERS	ESCALATORS	ELEVATORS	TEAMSTERS	PLUMBERS
Not contractor sponsored	Contractor sponsored	Not contractor sponsored	Not contractor sponsored	Not contractor sponsored	Not contractor sponsored
5 years	4 years	5 years	5 years	4 years	5 years
Nov. 19	Open enrollment	As-needed basis	As-needed basis	Every 2 years	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month
Based on contractor need. See contractor for interest.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
18 years	18 years	18 years	18 years	18 years	18 Years of Age
\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» High school diploma or GED</li> <li>» Drivers license</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» High school diploma or GED</li> <li>» Social security card</li> <li>» Drivers license or State ID</li> <li>» Birth certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» High school diploma or GED</li> <li>» Birth certificate or passport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» High school diploma or GED</li> <li>» Birth certificate or passport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» High school diploma or GED</li> <li>» Birth certificate</li> <li>» IL Class "D" drivers license</li> <li>» IL State Motor Vehicle Report (not older than 30 days of application date)</li> <li>» Social security card</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» High school diploma or GED</li> <li>» A high school senior may apply with a letter from school</li> <li>» Drivers license</li> <li>» 3 years work history (if applicable)</li> </ul>

# FAQs

## WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a paid period of training that allows you to learn a particular skill or set of skills. Apprenticeships range from two to five years in duration and are required by all trades.

A contractor-sponsored apprenticeship means a general contractor is providing the training and opportunity for the hands-on learning needed for a specific amount of time in order to complete the apprenticeship.

## WHAT IS A CONTRACTOR-SPONSORED APPRENTICESHIP?

## WHAT IS REQUIRED TO WORK IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES?

To be eligible to work in the trades, all unions require a high school diploma or GED, a valid drivers license, and you must pass a drug test. Additional requirements are listed on the following page.

Most trade unions and general contractors are open to hiring ex-offenders. There are also Second Chance Programs available that will help guide you through the hiring process.

## I HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD. CAN I STILL BE HIRED?

## I DON'T HAVE ANY POST-HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. CAN I STILL GET HIRED?

Yes, all trade unions require a high school diploma or GED completion certificate. Post-high school education is not required to work in the trades.

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