

## What are the requirements to enter an apprenticeship?

- Age — At least 16; 18 for some occupations.
- Education — GED or Diploma. (Some schools offer a School to Apprenticeship program for juniors and seniors.)
- Background check — Depending on the occupation, you may need a background check, fingerprints, drug testing, etc.
- Application — Complete an employer application, just as you would for any job.
- Interview — Many apprenticeships also require an in-person interview.
- Work ethic — You must be willing to commit to the job, have good attendance, be punctual, learn from your mentor and successfully complete the related technical instruction.



## How do I find an apprenticeship program?

- Attend a pre-apprenticeship training course.
- Visit your local job center to find apprenticeship openings.
- Sign up in AlaskaJobs online and check daily for new openings.
- Sign up for mailing lists through industry associations, unions, or a job center to be notified of apprenticeship opportunities.
- Find an entry-level job in the industry — many employers choose existing workers for their apprenticeship programs.

**For more information, contact your local job center:**  
[jobs.alaska.gov/offices](http://jobs.alaska.gov/offices)



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# Registered Apprenticeship



## Job Seekers

## What is a registered apprenticeship?

A registered apprenticeship is a job! An apprentice is an employee who earns a paycheck while attaining skills through on-the-job mentoring from a qualified mentor and related technical instruction in a classroom or online.

Apprenticeship prepares and trains you — the worker — to meet the employer's needs. As an apprentice, your wage will increase as you learn more skills and progress through your training.

An apprenticeship can be as short as one year or as long as six years, depending on the occupation.



## How do I know what career is best for me?

- Research occupations to find out what fits with your interests, skills and goals.
- Create a portfolio that includes your experience, skills, interests and career goals.
- Use AlaskaJobs and AKCIS to create your portfolio and resume.
- Visit your local job center for career counseling, resume help and interviewing practice.

## What kinds of occupations are available for apprenticeships?

There are more than 950 occupations, such as automotive, aviation technology, biotechnology, construction, energy, financial services, healthcare, hospitality, information technology/networking, manufacturing, public sector, retail and service industries, telecommunications, and transportation.



## What are the benefits of an apprenticeship?

**A paycheck.** Guaranteed to increase over time as you learn new skills.

**Hands-on career training** in a wide selection of programs, such as healthcare, construction, information technology, and many more.

**An education** and the potential to earn college credits or a degree.

**A career.** You will be on your way to a successful long-term career with a competitive salary and little or no educational debt.

**National Industry Certification** on completion of your apprenticeship. Your certification is recognized anywhere in the United States.

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