ARE YOU LOOKING TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE PLUMBER?

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WHO ARE WE?
SNIPEF Training Services Ltd is the Plumbing Industry’s Training Provider for plumbing apprenticeships in Scotland. We work closely with Skills Development Scotland to deliver the Modern Apprenticeship in Domestic Plumbing & Heating SVQ Level 3.

WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME AN APPRENTICE PLUMBER
There are many reasons why you should become an apprentice plumber.
- Earn while you learn
- Achieve Accredited qualification
- Life long career

WHAT YOU NEED TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE PLUMBER
To become an apprentice plumber you first of all require to find an employer who is willing to employ you and guide you through the plumbing apprenticeship training programme.

Potential candidates are expected to have a minimum of 4 National 4 qualifications at general level (previously standard grades).

You should also be able to demonstrate a number of attributes such as:
- Have good practical, problem solving and communication skills
- Be smart, reliable, polite, punctual and able to listen
- Have a proven ability to achieve
- Be willing to learn
- Have good and positive attitude

In addition candidates are required to pass the BPEC Aptitude & Selection Test. You can undertake a practice version of this test at www.bpec.org.uk/learners/aptitude-test/ the pass mark is 70%.

Fun Fact
Albert Einstein once said that if he had not been a physicist he would have become a plumber.
**FUN FACT**
Around 7 million mobile phones are dropped in the toilet each year

**STATISTIC**
If you have a leaky faucet that drips twice per minute, you’ll waste a gallon of water in a week
HOW TO FIND AN EMPLOYER
We suggest you ask around your family and friends to see if they know any plumbing companies that are looking to employ an apprentice plumber. Your local newspapers and yellow pages are good source to find potential employers as well.

The internet is also a good tool to find a potential employer. We suggest that you visit www.needaplumber.org - On this website you can enter your post code and select a distance radius. This will then bring up a list of SNIPEF member companies in your local area that you can contact to see if they are looking to employ an apprentice plumber.

ABOUT THE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP
The plumbing apprenticeship is a 4 year course with a mixture of on the job training with your employer and off the job training at college.

After you have completed the main part of your plumbing qualification you and your employer will then decide which solid fuel option you will undertake. The options are ACS Gas, OFTEC Oil, HETAS, Solid Fuel or Emergent Technologies.

Once you have completed your qualification you will be awarded with a Modern Apprenticeship in Domestic Plumbing & Heating SVQ Level 3 which is the only recognised plumbing qualification in Scotland.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
The Plumbing Apprenticeship programme is open to everyone regardless of age, sex, race, religion etc. We are an equal opportunities training provider and welcome all candidates regardless of their backgrounds.

Our aim is to help build a more equal and diverse workforce within the Plumbing Industry in Scotland.
Since 2000 SNIPEF Training Services Ltd have managed over 6200 plumbing apprentices.

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR PREVIOUS PLUMBING APPRENTICES

‘A modern apprenticeship gives you the chance to work and earn money as well as getting a qualification for life, I am glad I decided on a practical trade rather than a university route. I’m really pleased to have achieved my ACS Gas qualification and plan to travel Europe this summer’ Apprentice – Jason McDonald of G P McDonald.

‘I really enjoyed the training programme. I feel I have built up a great range of skills and experience. College was good as we learned all the theory which we then put into practice at work’ Former Apprentice – Shirley Williamson of Earth Source Plumbing & Heating.

FUN FACT
Mario and Luigi (of the video game Super Mario Brothers) are plumbers.

FUN FACT
The word “plumber” comes from the Latin word “plumbum,” which means “lead.”

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CAREER PROGRESSION
Becoming a plumber can open a number of doors within the Plumbing Industry and can lead to great career progression with the mechanical engineering sector. Please see below career progression pattern.

SCHOOL LEAVER
MODERN APPRENTICE
PLUMBER
ADVANCED PLUMBER
TECHNICIAN PLUMBER
SURVEYOR/ESTIMATOR
MANAGEMENT
CONTRACT MANAGER

FAQs
Where’s my nearest College?
We use 18 Colleges spread throughout Scotland. Please see our website for a list of these.

How much will I get paid?
All apprentices will be paid the SNJIB rate of pay. The hourly rates can be found on our website.

Do I receive any support during my time on the programme?
You will be assigned a Regional Training Officer who will be responsible for you. They will meet face to face with you every 13 weeks in the form of Quarterly Progress Reviews.

Where can I sit the BPEC Test?
The BPEC Aptitude Test will be administered by your employer before you join the training programme.

TYPICAL WEEK FOR AN APPRENTICE PLUMBER
You will face a number of different challenges through a typical week both at college and working with your employer.

- Average working day of 8 hours
- You will learn practical and physical skills at college (off the job training) and with your employer (on the job training)
- Assist your journeyman with general plumbing tasks such as plumbing/heating repairs, diagnosing faults and replacing defective parts. Re-instate systems that have been disconnected
- You will communicate with customers, colleagues and lecturers
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND
The employer led Plumbing Apprenticeship Programme receives contribution funding from Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

For more information on Skills Development Scotland please visit www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

SOCIAL MEDIA
SNIPEF Training Services Ltd is now active on a number of social media platforms. For all the latest updates please follow us:

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Help spread the word by using the hashtag #becomeaplumber

FUN FACT
Ever hear the myth that when you flush the toilet in the Southern Hemisphere, the water flows in the opposite direction? It’s not true. It is possible for water to flow in either direction.
FOR MORE INFORMATION
If you are looking for more information on becoming an apprentice plumber please contact us today.

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FUN FACT
Famous and often controversial rock star Ozzy Osbourne was an apprentice plumber before getting into the music industry.