



HOW TO BECOME A HIGH- VOLTAGE LINEWORKER APPRENTICE

Explore an exciting and rewarding path to become a High-Voltage Lineworker. Support your community by helping BPA deliver low cost and clean energy to your family and friends.

Prerequisites:

Required: High School Diploma or GED; and at least one of the following:

- Any degree from an accredited college within the last 2 years (or 6 years with prior military service). For a list of accredited colleges visit: <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home>
- Any certification of program completion from an accredited trade school within the last 2 years (or 6 years with prior military service).
- Prior Civil Service or Military Veteran.
- Ground Person or Line Apprentice.
- Line Working Trade School.

Career path:

Lineworker Apprentice

Journeyman Lineworker

Working Foreman I
(district or bare hand crew)

Foreman III
(district or bare hand crew)

Become a high-voltage lineworker apprentice

A lineworker apprenticeship offers:

- Being part of a team in the nation's leading electrical apprenticeship program.
- Work and train throughout the Pacific Northwest: Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Western Montana.
- 4-year training program studying assigned objectives to learn the craft.
- Career advancement opportunities with paid classroom time.
- \$40+/hour starting salary as an apprentice, plus pay increase every step (every 6 months).
- Overtime pay.
- Paid holidays, paid leave and sick leave.
- Comprehensive health care coverage (medical, dental, vision, life, etc.).
- Agency matching retirement savings (Thrift Savings Plan).

Lineworker apprentice job duties:

- Performing construction and maintenance work on wood poles and steel tower lines.
- Replacing or repairing damaged steel towers, wood poles, cross-arms and conductors.
- Maintaining rights-of-way.
- Repairing access roads and installing or repairing bridges, culverts, fences and gates.
- Setting up equipment and tools for line crews.
- Patrolling transmission lines and reporting on the condition of lines.
- Driving heavy equipment and supplies to job sites.
- Operating off-road equipment on the rights-of-way.
- Supporting line crew in general labor.
- Studying as assigned.

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