

# **INTAPLUMB APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS**

## ***What is involved in an 'Apprenticeship'?***

An Apprenticeship is a formalised program for trainee Plumbers that enables them to achieve National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ's) whilst working within the industry. Learners attend the training centre on a Part-time basis (1 day a week) and work towards achieving the qualification whilst also completing a portfolio of 'on site assessments' and activities at the workplace.

The NVQ Level 3 also has a similar structure but as an addition, apprentices can choose to complete an option unit of either, Gas, Oil, Solid Fuel or Environmental Technologies.

## ***How long does an 'Apprenticeship' take to complete and when do they start?***

A typical Apprenticeship to Level 2 will take up to 24 months to complete depending on experience, motivation and a willingness to succeed.

A typical Advanced Apprenticeship to Level 3 will take up to an additional 24 months to complete.

Typically InTAPlumb Apprenticeship Programs start in the first week of September, the first working week of January and if there is sufficient demand some programs start after the Easter holidays.

## ***How do I get enrolled on an InTAPlumb 'Apprenticeship' program?***

Applicants should be literate, numerate, able to pass JTL aptitude tests and be fully employed in the Plumbing, Heating or Gas industry. Any applicant must have the full support of their employer for the duration of the apprenticeship.

For an Advanced Apprenticeship to Level 3, learners must also possess a NVQ Level 2 in Plumbing.

Applicants can contact the centre by phone, fax, email or letter.

Application forms are available 'on-line' at [www.intaplumb.co.uk](http://www.intaplumb.co.uk)

## ***Why should I choose 'InTAPlumb'?***

The management and staff at InTAPlumb are very experienced, well qualified and produce not only excellent results but train their learners to a very high standard. InTAPlumb have achieved an enviable reputation for high achievement and success rates for our apprenticeship programs because we believe all young people have the ability to succeed.

For an appointment to view the centre facilities and talk to the staff ring: 01322 339807 or email: [study@intaplumb.co.uk](mailto:study@intaplumb.co.uk)

## ***Are there any fees or costs for an InTAPlumb 'Apprenticeship' program?***

Applicants aged 16-18 are normally exempt from any course fees but applicants aged 19+ will incur some tuition and assessment fees. These costs vary according to age, course level and any subsidy available.

InTAPlumb supply tools, equipment, materials and safety items for use within the centre however, all learners are required to supply overalls, work boots and stationary items (paper, pens, rulers etc).

InTAPlumb will also recommend to learners any books or other industry guides that are deemed suitable for apprentices and are compatible with the apprenticeship program.

## ***How do I find an Apprenticeship?***

The hardest question! Obtaining employment is not easy, but an 'Apprenticeship' can be even more difficult to find. Most companies operating within the industry are small and therefore many gain places via a relative, friend or acquaintance. We recommend that prospective apprentices apply to as many companies and traders as possible, both locally and nationally. Although we are unable to supply contact details, we have prepared a 'Job Search Factsheet' that has contact details of various trade and industry based organisations. Applicants can use this document to 'search' on-line databases of listed companies and therefore obtain the necessary contact details of both local and national industry employers.

## ***Why shouldn't I enrol onto one of the 'Fast-track' courses and become a Plumber in a few months?***

The industry has been plagued by these so called 'Become a Plumber in XX weeks' courses and unfortunately many who complete them soon realise that most employers do not recognise them and have little faith in their limited qualifications. All the recognised industry organisations, employers associations and trade bodies are unanimous in their unilateral condemnation of these courses and particular criticism has been directed at some of the content and methods used for promotion and marketing of Plumbing employment and careers.