



UA Local 342 Joint Apprenticeship & Training

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*Serving the Pipe Trades Industry of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties
Apprenticeship & Journeyman Training for Plumbing, Steamfitting, Pipefitting & HVAC/Refrigeration*

2026 APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Plumbing, Steamfitting and Welding Apprenticeships

DATES: **Dates To Be Determined** (CHECK WEBSITE IN DECEMBER 2025 FOR UPDATES)

LOCATION: Accepted online only at <https://www.ua342.org/training.aspx>

Please read this entire announcement carefully.

- Be prepared to upload the required documentation (proof of age and education) when applying online.
- You will apply for one trade. Research is recommended as trade changes are not allowed after applying or during an apprenticeship.
- Multiple applications will be rejected.
- A confirmation email is sent once an application has successfully been submitted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- **AGE:** Applicant must be at least 18 years of age; or will be 18 years of age before January 2027. The following items are acceptable for proof of age.
 - Valid Driver's License, or
 - Valid State Issued Identification Card, or
 - Birth Certificate with a Photo ID, or
 - Passport
- **EDUCATION:** The following items are acceptable for proof of education.
 - High School Diploma, or
 - General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.), or
 - Official Signed Transcript, or
 - If not yet graduated from high school, Current Official Transcript
- **APPLICANTS MUST BE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO PERFORM THE WORK OF THE TRADE.**

QUALIFYING TEST: Those who successfully apply will be scheduled to take a two-part written exam consisting of Math (Numerical Ability) and Mechanical Aptitude. The minimum passing score is a 75% composite grade.

INTERVIEW: Applicants who pass the exam will be scheduled for an interview with the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee.

ELIGIBILITY: Upon completion of the interview, applicants will be ranked by their exam and interview scores and placed on a trade specific waiting list for possible admission once openings become available. The waiting list is good for two (2) years.

TERM: A minimum of five (5) years; includes on-the-job training and classroom instruction.

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PREPARE FOR APPRENTICESHIP TEST

CONTACT BELOW ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR AVAILABILITY & SIGN UPS

Benicia
Adult Education
350 East K Street
Corner of E. K St & E. 3rd St
Benicia, CA
(707) 747-8367
<https://beniciaunified.org/departments/adult-education/>

Pittsburg
Adult Education
1151 Stoneman Avenue
Pittsburg, CA
(925) 473-2400
<https://www.pittsburg.k12.ca.us/paec>

Construction Trades
Workforce Initiative
Test Prep Class
Laney College
900 Fallon St, Room G-211
Oakland, CA
(510) 560-6329
<https://forms.gle/gT3HR1nFh56tLoT6A>

West Contra Costa
Adult Education
Richmond High School
1250 23rd Street
Richmond, CA
(510) 231-1453
<https://wccae.asapconnected.com/#CourseID=301016>

Vallejo
Adult Education
436 Del Sur Street
Vallejo, CA
(707) 556-8850
<https://vallejoadult.vcsd.org/>

San Mateo
Adult Education
789 E. Poplar Avenue
San Mateo, CA
(650) 558-2100
<https://sanmateoadulted.org/>

Suggested Study Material (Books)

Math

Practical Math Success in 20 Minutes a Day
By Learning Express Editors - Price \$16 (approximately)

Mechanical Aptitude

Barron's How to Prepare for the Mechanical Aptitude & Spatial Relations Tests
By Joel Wiesen – Price \$18 (approximately)

NOTE: Study the Mechanical Aptitude part of the book only.

*The above books and tutoring contacts are suggestions **ONLY** and are not endorsed by UA Local 342, JATC. Please feel free to use any book that you wish. The test consists of two parts: **Math and Mechanical Aptitude**. The math portion of the test is eighth grade level pre-algebra (decimals, fractions, percentages) accompanying basic mechanical aptitude. Go to a bookstore or library and ask for assistance to locate the right study material for you.*
