



PPTEU

## APPRENTICE PROGRAM 2021-2025

The Plumbing and Pipe Trades Employees Union Queensland in conjunction with The Services Trades College and Fire Industry Training (FIT) will be rolling out a new Apprentice Program for 2021 - 2025.

The program accommodates up to 60 apprentices in Fire, Sanitary and Mechanical sectors each year.

The purpose of the program is to provide support and training to apprentices, and ensure they have everything they need to succeed as tradespeople in the industry.



## WHAT DO YOU GET FROM THE PROGRAM?

### Training and Wage Reimbursement to Employers

Each apprentice enrolled in the program will receive extra training in their 1st and 2nd year of their apprenticeship. Training that will be added to their apprenticeship as follows:

Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MIC Life Skills Training</li><li>- Confined Space</li><li>- Asbestos Awareness</li><li>- Working Safely with Asbestos Containing Materials</li></ul>	1 week of wages for time spent completing extra week of training to the employer
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EWP over 11m</li><li>- Forklift</li><li>- Poly Welding</li></ul>	1 week of wages for time spent completing extra week of training to the employer

In this year's program we are also able to offer a wage reimbursement for 1 week in years 1-4.

The wage reimbursement is managed through the PPTEU and is allocated to the apprentices that have attended the training listed.

In the 3rd and 4th year of the apprenticeship, the PPTEU Apprentice Program accommodates for wage reimbursements for 1 week of time spent completing their apprenticeship training in each year.





## IPADS

The program funds the latest released iPad and durable cases. The iPad is provided to them on their induction day with all the relevant apps installed ready to go for use.

## UNIFORMS

Each year apprentices receive 3 hi-vis shirts to wear while attending their training. This is all fully funded by the PPTEU Apprentice Program.

## SUPPORT

The program funds roles specifically to support apprentices, with two full time Mentors available to provide one on one assistance.

## More information

If you would like more information about the program and the benefits provided, please contact Apprentice Program Coordinator Rian Kelso on 0434 383 777 or via email [rian@plumbersunionqld.com](mailto:rian@plumbersunionqld.com).

# MENTORS

## TOM NIESLER

Apprentice Mentor  
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Tom became a trainer and assessor in 2010 after a career in rigging, including high risk work and as a steel fabricator and crane operator. In 2013, Tom moved into training and assessing full time and became an accredited Work Health and Safety QLD assessor. After



training in the industry full time for 8 Years Tom has recently joined the PPTEU Team, excited to provide mentorship to Apprentices in the industry. His wide range of knowledge is an asset apprentices can call on anytime.



## JUSTIN MAXWELL

Apprentice Mentor  
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Justin began his career as a Sprinkler Fitter in 1998 before joining the PPTEU team in 2009 as an organiser and then moving to his role as Apprentice mentor for industry in 2013. Justin has worked closely with apprentices and industry to provide support and training particularly in the fire protection industry and has a wealth of knowledge. After more than 30 years in the industry, Justin has a lot to offer Apprentices, and he is here to assist them.

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