



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

APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: **MAY 2025** (CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES)

LOCATION: **ONLINE APPLICATIONS:** <https://www.ua342.org/training.aspx>

IMPORTANT: *Prior to submitting an online application, please carefully read all information within this announcement.*

- ❖ *During application, be prepared to upload the below required documents.*
- ❖ *You will choose **one** of the following trades during application: **Plumbing, Steamfitting or Welding** with no trade changes during apprenticeship; therefore, research is recommended.*
- ❖ *Applications successfully submitted during the allotted dates will be accepted to take the exam.*
- ❖ *Duplicate applications will be rejected.*

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION: Applicant must be at least 18 years of age; or will be 18 years of age by January 2026. You must upload one of the following:

- Valid Driver's License, or
- Valid State Issued Identification Card, or
- Birth Certificate along with a photo I.D., or
- Passport

PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR LEGAL EQUIVALENT: You must upload one of the following:

- High School Diploma, or
- General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.), or
- Officially Signed Transcripts, or
- If not yet graduated from high school, Current Official Transcripts

APPLICANT MUST BE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO PERFORM THE WORK OF THE TRADE.

QUALIFYING TEST:

Applicants who successfully submit and meet the above requirements will be notified within two (2) months after application and scheduled to take a two-part written exam consisting of: Numerical Ability (Math) and Mechanical Aptitude. The minimum passing score shall be a 75% composite grade.

INTERVIEW:

Applicants successfully passing the qualifying written exam will be notified within two (2) months and scheduled for an oral interview with the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee.

ELIGIBILITY:

Upon completion of the oral interview, applicants will be evaluated based on their qualifying written exam score and oral interview results. Applicants will be ranked accordingly (highest scorer and down), by trade, and will be placed on an eligible waiting list (valid for two (2) years) for possible admission once openings become available for the apprenticeship program.

TERM:

A minimum of five (5) years of on-the-job training and five (5) years of school. Apprentices attend classes two-three (2-3) nights per week, with the **possibility** of one (1) 10-hour day of classes every other week for the first two (2) years. Some Saturday classes may apply.

FOR INTEREST IN OUR HVAC/R PROGRAM CLICK HERE: <https://ua342.org/apprenticeship-hvac.aspx>

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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.*
