What are Plumbers, Steamfitters and HVACR Technicians?

A plumber is a skilled craftsperson that designs, estimates, installs, services and repairs pipe systems that convey water, waste drainage, natural and medical related gases. They join pipes and install fixtures and appliances such as: bathtubs, toilets, dishwashers, and water heaters. Often they design these systems or they may work from blueprints and drawings. They have the very important job of proctors of the public by helping to keep water safe.

Steamfitters install, service and repair piping systems for power generation, pharmaceutical and semi-conductor manufacturing, food processing and refrigeration, petroleum refinery and chemical and petrochemical processing. Steamfitters possess welder certifications and credentials that are required to perform high-demand weld processes.

An HVACR Technician installs, services and repairs heating, ventilation, air conditioning, building automation, and refrigeration systems in schools, hospitals, hotels, motels, airports, malls, high-rise offices and apartment buildings.

How do I qualify?

The following are necessary:

- At least 18 years of age
- Possess a high school diploma or GED
- Have a valid driver’s license
- Reliable transportation
- Drug Free

The following will help prepare for the trade:

- General science, chemistry and physics
- General math, algebra, and geometry
Where do I apply?

Apprenticeship programs within the state:

Baton Rouge Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #198  
5888 Airline Highway  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805

New Orleans Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #60  
2541 N. Arnoult Rd., Suite 122  
Metairie, LA 70002

Lake Charles Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #106  
2013 Ryan Street  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Shreveport Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #141  
71109 Industrial Loop  
Shreveport, LA 71129

Monroe Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #659  
1900 Pine Street  
Monroe, LA 71207

Plumbers and Steamfitters U.A. Local #247  
1211 Rapides Avenue  
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