

## PLUMBERS/GASFITTERS/PIPEFITTERS

Plumbers/Gasfitters/Pipefitters install, maintain and repair many different types of pipe systems. For example, some systems move water to a municipal water treatment plant and then to residential, commercial and public buildings. Others dispose of waste. Some bring in gas for stoves and furnaces. Pipes also are used in manufacturing plants to move material through the production process. Plumbers install and repair the water, waste disposal, drainage and gas systems in homes and in commercial and industrial buildings. They also install plumbing fixtures.

**APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM & REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must submit an application to the local. Each applicant must have a high school transcript or GED with test scores. Applicants must pass a Math test, pass a drug test, and have a valid driver's license. Upon acceptance into the program, apprentices will be required to complete five years of training with each year consisting of up to 2,000 hours of on the job training, and a minimum of 246 hours of classroom instruction. In addition, you have the opportunity to pursue UA STAR certification after the fifth year of apprenticeship.

**PLUMBERS & GASFITTERS LOCAL 360 WAGE INFORMATION:** Apprentices start at 35% of the wage scale. Journeyman wages are \$40.00 hourly plus health care and pension benefits.

**PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 101 WAGE INFORMATION:** Apprentices start at 35% of the wage scale. Journeyman wages are \$40.55 hourly plus health care and pension benefits.

**PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 553 WAGE INFORMATION:** Apprentices start at 50% of the wage scale. Journeyman wages are 43.06 per hour plus health care and pension benefits.

**RECOMMENDED PREPARATORY CLASSES:** Science, English, Communication Skills, Mathematics, mechanical drawing, business and industrial technology classes

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** Because plumbers/gasfitters/pipefitters must lift heavy pipes, stand for long periods and sometimes work in uncomfortable or cramped positions, they need physical strength as well as stamina. They may have to work outdoors in inclement weather. They also are subject to falls from ladders, cuts from sharp tools and burns from hot pipes or from soldering equipment.

**ABILITIES:** Must be able to lift heavy objects; must be able to work in confined spaces; must have excellent work ethics; must be able to get along well with others; and must be able to work at high levels from scaffolds and ladders.

| TRADE                            | WAGE + BENEFITS   | 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR APPR. |
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| Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 360  | \$40.00 + \$18.30 | 35% of wage              |
| Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 101 | \$40.55 + \$16.50 | 35% of wage              |
| Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 553 | \$43.96 + \$15.35 | 50 % of wage             |

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