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Becoming An Electrician – Q & A

Do I need to have any experience to become an electrician?

- ❖ No, You will work with a Journeyman electrician who will teach you installation practices

Will I be working on live/energized circuits?

- ❖ Apprentice electricians are NOT allowed to work on energized circuits

What is the process in starting a career as an electrician?

- ❖ Visit TDLR's web site to obtain an Apprentice Electrician License
- ❖ Once license is received in the mail, visit the IEC office and fill out an application

Preparing for the interview:

- ❖ Make sure voicemail is set up on your phone with a professional outgoing message (NO music)
- ❖ Make yourself available, even in a spur of the moment for an interview, should they call you
- ❖ Google "Interview Questions", create answers and practice these verbally.
- ❖ Dress appropriately (Nice Jeans, Button down shirt & nice shoes) no flip flops and shorts!

How long is my application active?

- ❖ 30-days, you will need to return to the IEC office to fill out another application

Important factors for being considered for employment.

- ❖ Must have your own reliable transportation (no ride shares)
- ❖ No felony convictions

What happens after I am hired by an IEC electrical contractor?

- ❖ Call the IEC office to notify us so we can remove your application from our web site
- ❖ Express your interest in our Apprenticeship Program. This shows enthusiasm to learn and grow

What tools and gear am I required to have?

- ❖ Basic hand tools (a list will be provided by your contractor)
- ❖ PPE equipment – hard hat, safety glasses, ear plugs, gloves (Provided by Contractor)
- ❖ Jeans, hard sole boots

Do I have to attend the IEC Apprentice Program (AP)?

- ❖ There is no requirement by the IEC for you to attend our Apprentice Program (AP). We will still make your application available to our 100+ electrical contractors.
- ❖ Some contractors will require you to attend the IEC AP as a condition of employment while other contractors will offer this as a choice

Why should I attend the IEC AP if I am already learning the trade in the field?

- ❖ In the field you will learn how to install electrical equipment and materials
 - ❖ In the IEC AP you learn why as well as state laws relating to the installation according to the National Electrical Code, blue print reading, controls, transformers and much more.
 - ❖ IEC AP students are far more educated than the average electrician with no formal training. This could equate to quicker advancement into more prestigious and higher paying positions
 - ❖ At the end of 4-yrs you should be very knowledgeable of the National Electrical Code; which is what the Journeyman exam is based upon, and ready to test out for your Journeyman License
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