



PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL SERVICES TRAINING (PMST) (N IRELAND)

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In Northern Ireland, SNIPEF has set up, in conjunction with BEST, the HVCA's training body, PMST to act as the Managing Agent and Training Provider for the delivering of the Plumbing Modern Apprenticeship.

PMST is involved in the:

- Identification of appropriate vocational training courses
- Organisation of apprentice training courses
- Operation of funding arrangements
- Monitoring of training

ENTRY & ENROLMENT

School or college leavers aged 16-24 will be eligible for a Modern Apprenticeship in the Plumbing and Mechanical Services Industry so long as they are directly employed by a plumbing and mechanical employer.

SCOPE OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Training includes a mix of attendance at a local college (off-the-job training) which leads to a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) and also at an employer's premises/site (on-the-job training). Apprentices will be monitored by a PMST Regional Officer on a quarterly basis and until the achievement of their NVQ.

MODERN APPRENTICESHIP – CONTENT

The Modern Apprenticeship (MA) programmes offer apprentices an opportunity to gain practical work experience whilst undertaking training at college and working towards an NVQ Level 3 qualification which is recognised by the Plumbing and Mechanical Industry.

The Modern Apprenticeship in Plumbing programme offers an apprentice the opportunity to gain practical work experience whilst undertaking training at college or training centre. At college/training centre the apprentice works towards achieving an NVQ Level 3 in MES Plumbing - a recognised vocational qualification. All assessments and course units are delivered at college.

All apprentices are governed by the Working Rules set by the Scottish and Northern Ireland Joint Industry Board for the Plumbing Industry.

MODERN APPRENTICESHIP – OUTCOME

Each Modern Apprentice, if successful, will gain the Level 3 NVQ Modern Apprenticeship in Mechanical Engineering Services (MES) Domestic: Plumbing and be graded by the Scottish and Northern Ireland Joint Industry Board (SNIJIB) for the plumbing industry as a plumber.

COLLEGE/TRAINING CENTRE FEES

Subject to age and funding, the PMST will meet the full cost of the 3 year college programme. Modern Apprentices on the programme will receive a weekly wage from their employer while attending work and college. The rates of wages of apprentices are set by the SNIJIB.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Plumbing and Mechanical Services Industry operates a policy of equal treatment including access to training opportunities, regardless of sex, race, religion or disability except that the individual must be reasonably fit and able in their own best interests to meet the work and safety requirements of the industry.



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