

WHAT'S A PIPE FITTER?

A pipe fitter's work affects people from every walk of life. Pipe fitters don't just cut, bend and join pipes – wherever there is air conditioning, heating, or refrigeration, they install, maintain and service those systems.

In hospitals, pipe fitters install the systems that provide sterilization, heating and cooling, and medical gases. Laboratories, food processing plants, and chemical plants all rely on the expertise of the pipe fitter – even the utilities that generate electricity!

Apprentice – noun,
1. A helper of a professional; a worker in training.



Local 597 makes applications available from 8 a.m. - Noon on the first Wednesday of each month at:

Pipe Fitters' Training Center Local Union 597
10850 W. 187th St.
Mokena, IL 60448

Applicants are required to complete the application on site.

What You'll Need

You'll need to bring the following with you to receive an application:

- A \$20 non-refundable application fee – cash or money order (made payable to Pipe Fitters' Training Fund) – for each program for which you are applying (Building Trades and/or HVAC/R)
- A copy of your birth certificate
- A copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate
- A valid driver's license

If applicable, please submit a three-year work history, including:

- Name of employer(s)
- Employer(s) addresses and phone numbers
- Name of supervisor(s)

After You Submit Your Application

Once you've submitted your application, you will receive a Personal Experience Form (PEF), to be completed off-site and returned to the training center either in person or by U.S. mail (certified mail is suggested).

When the training center has received your completed PEF, it will send you an exam date via certified mail. Local 597 holds exams on a quarterly basis.

Once an apprentice class size has been determined, applicants are notified whether they have been accepted via certified mail. Selected applicants report to the training center for orientation as first-year apprentices, and must pass urinalysis and hair follicle drug tests. Candidates who are not selected remain in the eligible candidate pool for a two-year period.

For Information

Contact Pipe Fitters' Local Union 597 at (708) 326-9239, email us at training@pft597.org, or visit our web site at www.pft597.org/ applications.

Pipe Fitters' Local Union 597 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**more than 1,100 HOURS OF PAID TRAINING
on-the-job and in the classroom!**

**Curriculum
highlights include:**

- **Air Conditioning**
- **Blueprint Reading**
- **Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CAD)**
- **Piping Layout and Installation**
- **Mathematics**
- **Mechanical Systems**
- **Safety Training**
- **Valve Repair**
- **Welding**



BUILDING TRADES

In the Local 597 Building Trades program, you'll work in some of the biggest commercial construction sites in the world!

Our pipe fitters install the most demanding piping systems anywhere, including:

- Food processing plants
- Laboratories
- Oil refineries
- Process piping facilities
- Medical gas systems in hospitals
- High-rise construction



HVAC SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

Our HVAC/R technicians perform service and maintenance on some of the world's most intricate mechanical equipment.

From the ice machines in a restaurant – to the rink at the United Center – Local 597 technicians cool wherever they're needed.

In any week, you might service everything from a cooler to a 1 million square-foot low-temperature storage facility...from a residential air-conditioning system to the advanced digital controls system to cool some of the world's tallest skyscrapers.

Pipe Fitters' Training Fund, Local Union Equal Employment Opportunity Pledge

"The JATC will not discriminate against applicants or apprentices based on race, color, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and identity), sexual orientation, genetic information because they are an individual with a disability or 40 years old or older. The JATC will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and training. The JATC will not discriminate in operating the apprenticeship program as required by Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1615."



PIPE FITTERS' TRAINING FUND, LOCAL UNION 597

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Building Trades and HVACR/R Apprenticeship Application Notification

Availability: Applications are available on the **First Wednesday** of every month.

Time: 8:00a.m - 12:00p.m. (Noon)

Place: Pipe Fitters' Training Center Local Union 597 (Northside Entrance)

10850 W. 187th St. Mokena, IL. 60448

Requirements: If an applicant fulfills the five requirements listed below; he/she will be issued an application. This application is to be completed on site.

1. \$20.00 Non-refundable application fee (Cash/Money Order only made payable to the Pipe Fitters' Training Fund)
2. Copy of Birth Certificate
3. Copy of High School Diploma or GED certificate (High School/GED Transcripts are Acceptable too)
4. Valid Driver's License
5. 3-year work history - **(IF APPLICABLE)** - Name of employer/employers address/Supervisors Name/Job Description.

A Test Taking Booklet or Study Guide (Published by GAN Human Resources, INC.) is available to purchase on Application Day for \$15.00 (Cash/Money Order only - Made payable to the GAN Human Resources, INC.) and may be purchased at the time of Application.

After completing an application, the applicant will be given a Personal Experience Form (PEF). The PEF is to be completed offsite. Once the PEF is returned to the Training Center in person or via USPS (Certified Mail is suggested), it will be reviewed and verified, the applicant will then be mailed an examination date and time via the US Postal Service (Certified Mail).

As a condition of employment, an accepted applicant will be required to pass both a urinalysis and hair follicle drug test.

Questions? Please contact: Admissions Director - Adam Sutter at asutter@pftf597.org

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLEDGE

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APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMAN PAY SCALE

(40-hour work week/full employment 52 weeks)

- 1st YEAR \$19.40 = \$40,352 (Paid school day)
- 2nd YEAR \$26.68 = \$55,495 (Paid school day)
- 3rd YEAR \$31.53 = \$65,582 (Paid school day)
- 4th YEAR \$37.83 = \$78,686 (On job training)
- JOURNEYPERSON RATE \$48.50 = \$100,880

The 5-year Paid Pipe Fitter Apprenticeship Program is completely Tuition Free.

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