

FAQs: Western Power Apprenticeships

Western Power is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

How long is each apprenticeship for?

Each registered apprenticeship is for a set period of four years.

During the four years of your apprenticeship you will undertake regular off the job training learning the trade skills you require. Back in the workplace you will be guided and mentored by qualified and experienced colleagues to apply these skills while working on the Western Power network.

What's it like to work at Western Power?

Our employees come to work knowing there is a safety-first attitude and supportive work environments through teamwork and focus on our customers.

Along with a competitive remuneration, you'll also be part of an award-winning employee recognition program, enjoy social club perks and have access to exclusive employee benefits.

Do I need to have any pre-apprenticeship training?

A Certificate II in Electrotechnology, whilst not a pre-requisite is looked upon favourably. Depending on the apprenticeship you will also need to have completed either year 11 or 12 secondary education with English and strong Mathematics.

What will I get paid?

Apprentices with Western Power are paid a commencing rate of \$45,279 plus 11% superannuation. For mature age students the commencing rate is \$54,335 plus 11% superannuation per annum. This is paid fortnightly, and progression occurs annually on satisfactory performance and completion of assessments through the year.

What sort of hours will I work?

The ordinary hours of work are 37.5 hours per week. As you become more experienced there may be a need for additional hours (overtime) dependent on business needs.

Will I be required to travel during the apprenticeship?

Yes. To gain the appropriate knowledge and skills, regular travel will be necessary during your apprenticeship to attend training and courses at training centres or external training providers such as TAFE.

If you are regionally based this is likely to involve spending periods of 1 – 2 weeks in Perth to attend training. Where applicable reimbursement for travel, accommodation and meals will be provided during this time.

Travel to/from work each day is the responsibility of the employee.



Do I need a driver’s licence?

Due to travel requirements at Western Power and other licensing requirements, it is expected that you will have your ‘C’ class driver’s license.

Is the trade qualification I will receive recognised elsewhere?

Yes, your trade is a nationally-recognised accredited qualification.

I live outside the Perth metro area. Can I apply?

Yes. We look for people for our metro and regional depots. See all our regional depots below.



How safe will I be working with electricity?

At Western Power safety is our number one value. Safety training is a priority for the organisation and both employees and apprentices are continually updated on safety best practice. As a Western Power apprentice, you will be expected to operate safely and effectively.

What happens once the apprenticeship is over?

This apprenticeship is a fixed term contract for four years. Any future employment will depend on current vacancies at the cessation of your apprenticeship.

What should I do if I have a question that has not been answered?

If you have read all the information provided on our website and your question has not been answered, please contact recruitment@westernpower.com.au. Please note that applications to this email address will not be accepted.