



Alberta
PIPE TRADES
College

Get started with Local 488



1. Apply for your apprenticeship (Bluebook) on <https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/get-started/begin-an-apprenticeship/>

Follow the steps to choose your program and register as an Apprentice from the drop-down menu. You may need to write an entrance exam with AIT. Once this process is complete and you download your certification, your Bluebook will be mailed to you within a few weeks. The majority of your work opportunities are within the Steamfitter/Pipefitter and Welder trades.

- a. When applying, the sponsor information input will be your current employer. If you are not currently working, you will select no sponsor. (Please note: Local 488 does not sponsor apprentices)
2. Get all required safety tickets. The Work Ready Work Force tickets that are required are as follows:
 - CSTS 2020 online - <https://youracsa.csod.com/client/youracsa/default.aspx>
 - CSO Online - <https://www.energysafetycanada.com/Course/12364>
 - Confined Space online - <https://www.energysafetycanada.com/Course/10174>
 - Fall Protection – See Authorized training providers below
 - Mobile elevated work platform – See authorized training providers below
 - Half mask Fit Test (3M 6000 Series / North 7700 Series)
- 1st & 2nd year Apprentices may be required to get Spark watch/Firewatch training by employers in the industrial field. – See authorized training providers below
- **All safety courses must be Energy Safety Canada certified through an authorized provider:**

<https://www.energysafetycanada.com/Training/Instructors-Providers/Providers?course>

Our Authorized providers are as follows: **Touchback safety – (780) 455-5573 or ACTI – (587) 340-3849**

3. Create an account on the local 488 website - <https://portal.local488.ca/Member/Account/Login>
 - a. Go to “My Profile”
 - b. This will bring you to a separate page where you will click on “View personal Info” under Personal information tab.
 - c. Input all your personal information – Including your sin number. UA card is not required
 - d. Click “save” button once you have filled everything out.
 - e. Scroll down to the bottom of the page where it says “Documents.”
 - f. Upload all safety tickets, Personal ID and Apprentice ID in the according spot.
 - g. Upload a picture of the “certificates of progress” page from your bluebook (this will be the second page of your bluebook), into “Apprenticeship Qualifications” section
4. Once you have completed filling out all your information and uploading all documents you can then start applying for jobs using the how to guide:

<https://www.local488.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/New-How-To-Guide-for-Online-Dispatch.pdf>

- After 5:00 P.M., refresh your browser Login to your Local 488 Account, then go to the Dispatch tab. You will be looking for 1st year jobs that are “OPEN TO ALL”.
- It is important to check your junk mail for confirmations and dispatch slips when applying online. Successful candidates will have their Dispatch Slip e-mailed to them the following day before 5:00 P.M.
- If you are having trouble with your account, applying online or have any questions, please call Local 488 (780)452-7080 to speak with a representative.
- We may contact you to collect any missing documents to complete a file for you, this file will be required for all candidates invited to a heritage to become a member once you have enough worked hours.
- To understand the apprenticeship requirements please click the link below and read carefully.
<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/apprentice-services/attend-classroom-instruction/what-is-classroom-instruction/>

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at (780) 488-1266