

How To Start With Local 488

Step 1 – Get Indentured as an Apprentice. Go to <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 are successfully indentured, download a copy of your certification. Your Blue Book will be mailed to you within a few weeks. The majority of our work opportunities are within the Steamfitter/Pipefitter and Welder trades.

Step 2 – Create a Local 488 Account

Go to <https://local488.ca/>, click **LOGIN**, then **Create a New Account**. Fill in all required fields, upload your Government Issued Photo ID, your Apprenticeship Certificate, and all your training certificates from Step 2. Once you have successfully created an account, you can start applying for work through Local 488.

Step 3 – Get your Work-Ready Workforce Safety Training. Required courses are:

CSTS 2020 Fundamentals - <https://www.youracsa.ca/courses/csts2020/>

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

Elevated Working Platform (use search engine above to find an authorized provider in your area)

Confined Space Entry And Monitor Online- <https://www.energysafetycanada.com/Course/12041?type=online>

Energy Safety Canada CSO/BSO- <https://www.energysafetycanada.com/Course/12013>

Respirator Fit Test (1/2 Mask both 3M and North Respirators)

It is highly recommended that Starter, 1st & 2nd Year Apprentices also get Spark watch/Firewatch training. This course may be required by employers in the industrial field and is good to have as a 1st or 2nd year.

If you obtain membership within 6 months of taking these above courses, you will be eligible for the “safety course reimbursement bursary”. Courses must be endorsed by Energy Safety Canada or OSSA to be accepted.

Step 4 – Apply for Work

After 5pm, refresh your browser, Login to your Local 488 Account, then go to Dispatch. You will be looking for 1st year jobs that are “**OPEN TO: ALL**”. A step- by-step guide on applying for work can be found here:

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

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 5pm.

Industrial Wage Rates (Total Package):

1st Year - \$35.98/hour

2nd Year - \$45.66/hour

3rd Year - \$55.34/hour

4th Year - \$61.08/hour

Journeyman - \$68.25/hour