

Apprenticeship opportunities for Veterans

New GI Bill now covers apprenticeship training

Carpenters' Union Apprenticeship Programs offer paid scholarships. Apprentices earn a **pro-rated salary** (<http://necarpenterstraining.org/content/what-rate-pay-carpenter-apprentices>) while receiving their free training to become Journeyman Carpenters with the **New England Regional Council of Carpenters** (<http://www.nercc.org/>).

Unemployed and separating service members now will be able to train to become Journeyman Carpenters and receive GI Bill benefits as the Post-9/11 GI Bill now covers apprenticeship training. These benefits are not available to active-duty service members or their spouses using transferred benefits.

Under the new program, veterans receive their **pro-rated apprentice salary** from the employer and a pro-rated housing allowance from the Veterans' Affairs Department.

Post-9/11 GI Bill Recipients: The payment rate will be as follows:

You will receive 100% of your applicable MHA during the first 6 months of training

80% of your applicable MHA during the second 6 months of training

60% of your applicable MHA during the third 6 months of training

40% of your applicable MHA during the fourth 6 months of training

20% of your applicable MHA during the remainder of the training

Post-9/11 GI Bill recipients will also receive up to \$83 per month for books and supplies.

The Veterans Administration (VA) has a searchable database of non-degree institutions covered under the Post-9/11 GI Bill on its **website**, <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

When you use the searchable database for **Program Type**, select:

On-the-Job-Training/Apprenticeship.

For additional information about the Post 9/11 GI Bill and On-the-Job & Apprenticeship Training, visit the Veterans' Administration website (<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>)

Helmets to Hardhats connects Veterans into promising careers in construction

Join the Carpenters Union and Helmets to Hardhats and start your next career as a today!

Here's how it works: Simply **CLICK HERE** and complete the registration page. Make sure that you create a resume and apply to one of the carpenter job listings. We have included a nationwide posting so that every geographical area in the country is covered, for your convenience. Soon, a UBC representative will contact you, to help you get your civilian career with the UBC started. Within no time at all, your career will be started with a solid pay and benefit package.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) Supports Helmets to Hardhats here in New England and Nationwide. **Click Here** for more information about the UBC and Helmets to Hardhats.

With your FREE Helmets to Hardhats Account you'll be able to:

Post your military work experience

Search Careers

Apply for positions instantly

Receive job alerts

Get career advice

Spring 2012 – Opportunities to become a Carpenters' Apprentice

The New England Carpenters' Training Fund (NECTF) will be conducting interviews to establish an "Eligible Pool of Apprentice Applicants." Interviews will be conducted in late March - early April of 2012.

Who can become an Apprentice? Anyone age 17 or older who is a high-school graduate or has a GED. High-school seniors may apply with a letter from their school stating that they are eligible to graduate within three months. Women, minorities, and veterans are strongly encouraged to apply.

How does someone apply? Applicants must attend an informational session. Informational sessions run approximately one hour. Applications to become an Apprentice are distributed at the **conclusion** of informational sessions. Attendance for the entire informational session is mandatory. Late arrivals will be denied admission to that session.

Upcoming Informational Sessions:

Boston Carpenters' Training Center:

750 Dorchester Avenue, 2nd Floor, Dorchester, MA 02125

February: Monday, **February 6, 2012** at **9:00 AM** and **3:00 PM**

March: Monday, **March 5, 2012** at **9:00 AM** and **3:00 PM**

New England Carpenters' Training Center:

13 Holman Rd, Millbury, MA 01527

February: Wednesday, **February 15, 2012** at **6:00 PM**

March: Wednesday, **March 21, 2012** at **6:00 PM**

Additional sessions are posted on our website: www.NECarpentersTraining.org

What happens after an application is submitted?

Everyone who has met all apprenticeship application requirements will be considered for apprenticeship and scheduled for an interview. *The next interviews are anticipated in March of 2012. Additional interviews will be conducted as demand requires.*

What is a Carpenters' Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a training program where you earn wages while you learn to become a skilled carpenter. Apprenticeship combines classroom studies with on-the-job training supervised by a trade professional. Much like a college education, it takes several years to become fully trained in the trade that you choose. Unlike college, though, as an apprentice you'll earn while you learn. At first, you'll make less money than skilled workers, but as you progress, you'll get regular raises. Once you have mastered the craft, you will receive professional wages.

Equal Opportunity:

The New England Carpenters' Apprenticeship and Training Funds are committed to equal opportunity for applicants. The recruitment, selection, and training of apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, creed, handicap, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, arrest record, conviction record, or membership in the military forces of the United States. The ATF will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship, and we will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 30 and all other applicable laws.

APPLICATION FOR APPRENTICESHIP CHECKLIST

Mandatory Requirements:

As an interested applicant for the Apprenticeship Program, it is your responsibility to complete all of the following mandatory requirements:

___ Provide reliable documentation of proof of age (minimum 17 years of age). Birth certificate preferred (Driver's License, Passport, Green Card acceptable).

AND

___ Provide copies of documentation of high school graduation and transcript for high school, or completion of a GED. (*High school seniors must provide transcripts and a letter from their schools stating that they are eligible to graduate within three months*).

OR

___ Applicants must provide proof of satisfactory completion of a prejob preparatory course in Carpentry of at least six (6) months, such as United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), Job Corps, or other approved carpentry apprentice preparatory course, or on-the-job training of six (6) months or 1500 hours experience in the construction field that would qualify an applicant as having met the minimum educational requirements.

Optional / Supplemental Documentation:

As an interested party for the Apprenticeship Program, you may choose to submit any or all of the following supplemental documents to enhance your application:

___ A training achievement record (TAR) to verify UBC Job Corps training and/or experience if you wish to receive consideration for such training/experience.

___ A DD-214 to verify military training and/or experience if a veteran and if you wish to receive consideration for such training/experience.

To request a copy of your DD-214 online **Click Here**
(<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>)

___ Evidence of successful completion of an OSHA 10 for Construction class if you wish to receive consideration for such training/experience.

___ Evidence of having a valid driver's license.

___ Any other documentation or information, such as letters of recommendation, personal merit citations, achievement awards, etc., that the applicant would like the sponsor to consider.

About the Carpenters' Union:

The **United Brotherhood of Carpenters** is North America's largest building-trades union, with more than a half million members in the construction and wood-products industries.

We recognize that for the union to remain strong, our signatory contractors need to succeed in today's highly competitive marketplace – and our signatory contractors do that with workers committed to safety, productivity, and the proud legacy of our Brotherhood.

Skills, safety, and productivity have brought our members fair wages, good benefits, and dignity in work and retirement since the Brotherhood was founded in 1881.

For more information contact the Apprenticeship Office at:

New England Carpenters Training Fund - Apprenticeship Office
13 Holman Rd, Millbury, MA 01527

Phone: (508) 792-5443 or (617) 782-4314

Website: [**www.NECarpentersTraining.org**](http://www.NECarpentersTraining.org)

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