



# Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 149

**Trade:** This Union represents Journeymen and Apprentice Plumbers, Steamfitters, Pipefitters, Welders, Refrigeration Techs, & HVAC Service Techs.

## Description of Trade

**Plumbers:** Plumbers and Pipefitters install, maintain, and repair many different types of pipe systems. For example, some systems move water to a municipal water treatment plant and then to residential, commercial, and public buildings. Some bring in gas for stoves and furnaces. Others supply air-conditioning. Pipe systems in power plants carry the steam that powers huge turbines. Pipes also are used in manufacturing plants to move material through the production process. Plumbers & Pipefitters commonly join piping using many different processes, including welding, soldering, brazing, and mechanical joining.

**Refrigeration Techs, & HVAC Service Techs:** Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers—often called *heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) technicians*—work on heating, ventilation, cooling, and refrigeration systems that control the temperature and air quality in buildings.

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**General Requirements:** Candidates must be at least eighteen years of age with a high school diploma or GED certificate. They must pass an aptitude test, drug screening, and personal interview. They must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Applicants must be physically able to do the work. Apprentices must be able to lift heavy objects, work in confined spaces, have excellent work ethic, get along well with others, and be able to work at high levels from scaffolds and ladders.

It is recommended that applicants have experience in the following coursework: Mathematics, Mechanical Drawing, Business, and Industrial Technology.

**Jurisdiction:** Champaign, Ford, East Piatt, Coles, Cumberland, Effingham, and Jasper counties.

**Application Process:** UA Local 149 JAC will have selected dates for candidates to complete an application on site. When applying, you will need a copy of your social security card, birth certificate, high school transcripts, and driver's license in order to turn in your application. It is \$20.00 to apply for the apprenticeship program (due at the time you turn in your application). You will receive a date and time for your aptitude exam. If 70% or higher on the aptitude test is achieved, you will be invited to an interview with the apprenticeship board. Each portion of the application process is assigned a point value and those with the highest scores will be selected for the apprenticeship program.

**Apprentice Training:** Apprentices attend school one day every other week and one Saturday a month. No summer training.

**Wages:** Journeyman wages are \$41.54 per hour for all plumbers, pipefitters, refrigeration technicians, and HVAC technicians. Apprentice wages start at 50% of journeyman wages and increase by 10% for each year of the apprenticeship successfully completed.

#### **List of Local 149 Contractors**

A&R Mechanical  
711 Kettering Park  
Urbana, IL  
(217) 367-4227

Allied Mechanical Services  
3103 Tatman Ct.  
Urbana, IL  
(217) 328-9630

Clark Plumbing & Heating  
1501 N Highland  
Champaign, IL  
(217) 356-5356

Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc.  
1212 E University  
Champaign, IL  
(217) 367-0252

E.L. Pruitt  
1302 W Anthony Dr.  
Champaign, IL  
(217) 974-5611

G.A. Rich & Sons, Inc.  
P.O. Box 50  
Deer Creek, IL  
(309) 447-6231

Industrial Mechanical, Inc.  
717 S 19th St.  
Mattoon, IL  
(217) 234-6487

Reliable Plumbing & Heating  
1411 Interstate Dr.  
Champaign, IL  
(217) 356-1841

Polar Refrigeration  
2508 N Shore Dr.  
Urbana, IL  
(217) 365-9319

X-Treme Mechanical  
4912 Windsor Rd  
Champaign, IL  
(217) 762-2834