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Search for future EnergyAustralia apprentices

EnergyAustralia is this month looking for a new batch of bright sparks to join its growing ranks of apprentices.

Budding **cable jointer, line worker, electrical, motor mechanic** and **engineering mechanical** apprentices can apply to join EnergyAustralia before July 24 as the company expects to recruit about 160 apprentices next year.

"EnergyAustralia is the largest single employer of apprentices in NSW," Training Manager Tom Emeleus said.

"Our apprentices come from across the state and cover a wide age range.

"We're spending \$4.8 billion to expand the electrical network over the next five years and we need skilled and motivated employees to help deliver this program throughout Sydney, the Central Coast, Newcastle and the Hunter Valley."

A total of 173 apprentices joined EnergyAustralia's ranks this year, taking the total number of apprentices in training to about 600.

"EnergyAustralia apprenticeships are more than a trade – they are a great opportunity for anyone who wants to start a rewarding, stable and long-term career."

EnergyAustralia apprentices get paid while they learn and have flexible working conditions including a nine-day fortnight. The apprenticeship lasts four years and includes comprehensive job-related training and development.

"Our apprentices sample a wide variety of work at EnergyAustralia as they work in different parts of the organisation," Mr Emeleus said.

"Work ranges from emergency response, building and maintaining substations, installing equipment, designing and drawing electrical layouts and working on underground and overhead powerlines."

During the first year of the program, apprentices are attached to a dedicated training centre in Sydney, Newcastle or Muswellbrook to gain basic skills and knowledge in their trade.

Registrations for apprentice exams close 24 July. Visit www.energy.com.au/apprenticeships for more information or to register online, or call (02) 8878 5000.

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