



Electric meter

Choosing a Meter Apprenticeship

Imagine a career where every day brings new technical challenges, where you're the guardian of electrical integrity, and where your expertise directly impacts thousands of customers. Welcome to the world of Meter operations—a field that's evolving as rapidly as the technology it oversees.

Think of yourself as quality control for power itself. You're the person ensuring customers get exactly what they pay for—no more, no less. You'll evaluate the integrity of meters, commission solar systems, and serve as the critical interconnection point between PSE and its customers.

As a Meter Apprentice, you'll encounter every type of situation imaginable. Like working with diverse customers, you'll need sharp situational awareness and the ability to adapt quickly. There's no standard "doorstep protocol"—every call is unique, and you'll need to be prepared for whatever opens the door.

What makes a Meter Apprenticeship unique: You'll work closer to live electrical energy than almost anyone else in the company. This proximity demands the highest level of safety awareness and technical precision. You're often working alone as a journey worker, which means you must be completely confident in your ability to recognize and respond to electrical hazards.

Your apprenticeship features one-on-one mentoring for two weeks at a time with different journeymen. This approach exposes you to varied personalities and techniques,

building both technical skills and professional adaptability. Yes, you'll drive extensively—but each destination brings a new challenge. From troubleshooting complex electrical issues to commissioning solar installations, variety is built into every day.

This isn't just a job—it's a position at the heart of the energy transition. Every meter you install, every system you commission, and every problem you solve contributes to a more reliable, efficient, and sustainable electrical grid.

If you're ready for a career that combines technical sophistication with real-world impact, where your expertise grows more valuable with each passing year, and where you can literally age out doing work you love—the Meter Apprenticeship is calling.



Our power grid role

In a world where electricity powers everything, we are the people who makes sure the measurement is always right. We are quality control experts who validate the integrity of every electrical transaction, protecting both customers and the company from costly errors.

Taking charge of your career!

“Show up and adapt.” That’s your mission as a Tester. The key trait that separates successful Tester from the rest? Curiosity. Every task, every site visit, every problem is a learning opportunity. Ask questions. Watch closely. Absorb everything.

You’ll discover an exceptional money-to-responsibility ratio that rewards your growing expertise, while the physical demands are surprisingly minimal. Your biggest “workout” will be the miles you drive between sites—and that driving time becomes valuable thinking and planning time.

For three years, you’ll work one-on-one with journeymen, and success demands more than technical skills. You must listen with humility, letting your ego take a backseat to learning, while getting comfortable being uncomfortable because growth happens outside your comfort zone. Developing strong people skills becomes crucial since you’re not just learning a trade; you’re learning to work intimately with mentors who will shape your career. You’ll need to accept that choices are made for you, understanding that forecasting your week becomes impossible, but this flexibility becomes your strength. The apprenticeship makes demands on your family life, but remember: you’re investing three years to secure decades of career success.

Your journey from Tester to journey worker isn’t just about mastering meters—it’s about mastering yourself. The technical skills are teachable. The integrity, curiosity, and commitment to continuous learning? That’s what transforms a job into a calling.

Day in the life video



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Success story

Clarence G.

Meter Journey Worker

Prior to entering Puget Sound Energy’s Pathway-to-Apprenticeship Program, Clarence worked nights as a movie theater manager for over a decade. Movie theater management is not the background you’d expect from someone thriving in PSE Meter Operations. But here’s Clarence, now graduated from the Apprenticeship program and a journey-level PSE meterman “On a small scale, I’m impacting the world,” said Clarence, reflecting on the customers he’s helped restore and maintain electrical service.

PSE’s 6,000-hour three-year apprenticeship is ensured Clarence gained in-demand skills and on-the-job experience while simultaneously earning competitive wages and generous benefits. “This experience has been a huge win for me. Learning new tools and systems as an apprentice is empowering—I learned things that are directly applicable in real life,” he said. The opportunity to earn and learn—including guaranteed wage increases—are hallmarks of registered apprenticeship programs and why they have a strong record of success for both employers and workers.

His advice to others exploring career change is to keep an open mind. “In the past, when I saw electrical utility workers, I assumed their training was out of reach, but I took a deeper look and discovered it’s a great fit for me,” he added. Now, whether calculating meter vectors, investigating billing inquiries, or troubleshooting power quality issues, Clarence sees just how far he has come.

Follow Clarence’s path to success:

1. Meter Tester (Pathway to Apprenticeship)
2. Meter Apprentice
3. Meter Journey Worker

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