



Engineering Construction Industry Training Board

ECITB 2013 Apprenticeship Campaign Launch

Engineering Construction Industry seeks 800 new apprentices

The Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) is on a mission to recruit 800 new apprentices to the industry in 2013. Young people are able to apply for an apprenticeship from Monday 4th February by logging on to the organisations website <http://www.ecitb.org.uk/Home/> and clicking on 'the apply now' button.

David Edwards, Chief Executive, ECITB said: "The engineering construction industry is in a position to be able to offer exciting and well paid careers to young people. Our latest manpower forecasts predict a 30 per cent growth over the next ten years with 60,000 more skilled workers needed across all our sectors. It is vital to the future of engineering construction in this country that we raise awareness of the industry and the available careers, with young people."

AN ECITB apprenticeship is the best start in the business you can have. Apprenticeships are available in 14 different disciplines: - Design & Draughting; Electrical Maintenance; Instrumentation & Control Maintenance; Electrical Installation; Mechanical Maintenance; Mechanical Fitting; Instrument Pipefitting (Small Bore Tubing); Non Destructive Testing; Plating; Pipefitting; Steel Erecting; Project Control; Welding; and Moving Loads.

"The career opportunities in this industry are numerous," explained the Chief Executive. "There are currently some 100,000 UK workers in the engineering construction industry in more than 170 different roles. There are good career prospects for all these roles and salaries compare very favourably with other industries."

For example, the minimum starting salary, once a young person has qualified as an electrician or welder is between £23- £28K while offshore workers such as riggers can command salaries of between £28- 30K. Starting salaries for engineers, including design, project, welding, electrical, mechanical and instrumentation are between £30-£40K. These figures don't include career progression and don't even include overtime.

"An ECITB sponsored apprenticeship is the best start in the business you can have," said David Edwards. "Our apprenticeships last between three and four years and from the start, the apprentice is employed by one of our companies. In addition, the apprenticeships have been developed in consultation with our industry's employers, which means the company the apprentice is training with, knows they need an employee with the skills the young person is learning."

The engineering construction industry plays an essential role in the UK economy through the design, construction and maintenance of much of the industrial processing and energy production facilities essential to the country's prosperity and way of life. Domestically the industry generates a £25 billion annual turnover and its sectors account for up to 20 per cent of the UK's GDP.

The next generation of engineering construction workers will play a key role in shaping the future world. Currently, this skilled workforce are working in the nuclear industry; they are also at the forefront in developing renewable energy resources and have played a key role in oil and gas production in the North Sea. Engineering construction workers can also be found in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry where they have designed, constructed and maintained manufacturing plants. In fact there is very little in this modern world that doesn't rely on the skills and imaginations of engineering construction workers.

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About the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board

The ECITB is the statutory and charitable body set up to secure engineering construction skills now and for the future. It has delivered training successfully to over one million learners over 20 years, and is led and funded by employers from the industry, ensuring the services are relevant and fit for purpose. The ECITB provides professional advice, information, skills development and qualifications to help individuals in engineering construction and anyone interested in a career in the industry to succeed. A dedicated website has been set up to provide more detailed information <http://careers.ecitb.org.uk/>. The ECITB sets a range of occupational and training standards, awards industry specific qualifications and invests £20 million each year in support of apprentices and adult learners across a range of skills. From entry level craft and technician programmes through to advanced engineering project management skills. In 2011, 65,000 people were supported through the ECITB's range of approved programmes delivered by a network of over 200 approved providers. The ECITB strategy is built on three objectives, these are to attract, qualify and develop talented people for the industry. The ECITB operating processes that secure the depth, breadth and quality of service are: employer engagement, identification of skills needs and priorities, stakeholder and provider engagement, delivery and continuous improvement. The ECITB provides support to employers, their employees and apprentices to design, build, maintain and decommission nuclear, power, pharmaceutical, renewables, chemicals, food, water, oil & gas facilities and other processes.

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