

Media release



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Applications for apprenticeships prove popular

Potential applicants for Essential Energy's 31 apprentice positions on offer across regional and rural NSW have until noon on Friday, 8 September 2017 to apply.

General Manager Safety, HR and Environment, David Nardi, said there had been a strong response to this year's apprentice recruitment campaign.

"Across the State, more than 530 applications have been received for the 20 powerline worker and 11 electrical technician apprenticeships on offer in locations across Essential Energy's footprint," he said.

"We expect the number of applications to reach more than 1000 in the last days of the campaign, based on the popularity of our apprenticeship program in previous years."

Apprenticeship locations include Albury, Balranald, Barraba, Bombala, Bourke or Walgett, Deniliquin, Dorrigo, Dubbo, Dungog, Goondiwindi, Goulburn, Inverell, Kyogle, Leeton, Lismore, Narrabri, Oberon, Orange, Port Macquarie, Queanbeyan, Tamworth, Taree, Tweed Heads, Warren, West Wyalong and Yass.

"Essential Energy apprenticeships offers an opportunity to work in a dynamic industry and support the delivery of an evolving electricity distribution network," he said.

"Interested applicants need to submit a completed application before noon (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Friday, 8 September 2017 to be considered."

"A core focus of the 31 new apprenticeships on offer is to provide career opportunities for women and Indigenous people."

"We want our workforce to reflect the local communities we serve, and therefore as an equal opportunity employer we are encouraging applicants from a diversity of backgrounds and experience," he said.

Successful new recruits will have the potential to develop a nationally-recognised trade supported by practical and theoretical instruction, and complemented by training in the field.

Apprenticeships will commence in February 2018, including participation in a three-week induction program at one of Essential Energy's dedicated training centres.

"The four-year apprenticeship program offers an exciting opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds – men, women, school leavers, Indigenous and mature age applicants," he added.

For more information, or to apply, visit: essentialenergy.com.au/apprentices or email: careers@essentialenergy.com.au

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