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Get on the line with latest recruitment drive

Electricity distributor Essential Energy has announced a further 45 training-supported roles are being recruited for in their award-winning apprenticeship and traineeship programs. The roles are offered across regional, rural and remote New South Wales and include apprenticeships for 29 powerline workers and three zone substation electrical technicians, as well as traineeships for eight asset inspectors and five field inspectors.

Luke Jenner, General Manager for Customer and Network Services, said “We’re very pleased to be once again opening our apprenticeship and trainee programs which provide training and career opportunities, as well as enabling economic development across our footprint.”

“This year 29 apprentices and 13 trainees were welcomed into the business and are already making great strides in their learning and skill acquisition,” Luke said.

“These roles allow people to live and work in many regional towns with our depots located throughout our network footprint in New South Wales and parts of Southern Queensland.”

Candidates are invited to apply for positions based in Barham, Berrigan, Bombala, Broken Hill, Bulahdelah, Casino, Cobar, Condobolin, Cooma, Coonamble, Cowra, Culcairn, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Gloucester, Griffith, Gunnedah, Hillston, Inverell, Leeton, Lismore, Maclean, Molong, Moree, Narrabri, Nyngan, Orange, Parkes, Tamworth, Taree, Tumbarumba, Walgett, West Wyalong, Yass and Young.

The Essential Energy apprentice program boasts high rates of completion, with historical data showing 93 per cent of employees completing their apprenticeship, well above national averages of 63 per cent. Once employees complete their apprenticeship, the majority stay with the business, with retention rates of 92 per cent and one in four apprentices go on to higher technical roles within the business.

“We believe that people stay in the apprenticeship and with the business because they feel part of a positive and inclusive culture. We are looking for people who can demonstrate a passion for the role and whose values are similar to ours. We are keen to build participation in our workforce from women and people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and encourage anyone who’s interested in lining up a great career to jump onto our website and apply today,” Luke said.

Apprentices will undertake a four year program covering all aspects of operating a modern electricity network while working towards a trade qualification, with their apprenticeship journey supported by Essential Energy’s professional training team.

Applications are now open and will close at Midnight (AEST) Sunday, 25 July 2021. To apply, visit essentialenergy.com.au/apprentices

FACT FILE:

- Essential Energy builds, operates and maintains one of Australia’s largest electricity distribution networks, servicing 870,000 customers across regional, rural and remote NSW and parts of southern Queensland
- Our footprint covers 95 per cent of NSW, traversing 737,000 square kilometres of landmass with 183,612 kilometres of powerline, including 163,417 kilometres in designated bushfire zones
- The network has approximately 5.1 customers to each kilometre of powerline, which is almost one-tenth the customer density compared with our counterparts in NSW
- Essential Energy’s footprint also includes 1.38 million power poles, equating to 1.6 power poles per customer

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