

Training programmes

Everything you need to know

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How will you decide the trade for each successful applicant?

To some extent, the trade you will be offered if you are successful is decided on home base location. For example, as we have very few overhead lines in London, it is unlikely you would be offered the opportunity to train for this trade if you are London based. The trades available for each location will be shared with you when you are invited to an assessment centre. You can submit a preference if there is more than one trade available for your location but we advise that you are flexible.

Why do you recruit within postcode perimeter?

The maximum journey time we seek for applicants to travel from their home to their home base depot is 45 minutes. This includes any potential traffic issues. There are two main reasons for this. One is your health and wellbeing. We do not encourage significant journey times to your home base location. The second reason is operational commitments. In time, if you were called out to complete an emergency job for example, we would need you need to be able to respond in the shortest period of time to ensure a customer's power is switched back on as quickly as possible.

Where will my training take place?

For our Foundation Apprenticeship Programme you will spend the first 11 months of your training in residential settings. This is approximately 9 months for our Experienced Apprentice Programme. Your courses will be at one of UK Power Networks purpose built, in house training centres in Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk and Sundridge in Kent. You will also spend time at Bridgewater College in Somerset where you will complete certain elements of your course. You will spend time at all three training centres. When you are required to be residential for your training, accommodation during the working week will be paid for by UK Power Networks.

What qualifications do I need to apply?

The academic entry requirements for the Foundation Apprentice programme are GCSE grades A-D/ 4-9 in Maths, English and Science. For our Experienced Apprentice Programme and EDP Programme we are looking for more industry related experience. Please refer to the full website for more details. For our graduate programme, we will need to hold or be on course to obtain a minimum of a 2.2 degree classification in a relevant degree discipline. If you do not have these qualifications you can look at our qualification flow chart to find out what role is best suited to you instead. If you are unsure if you meet the requirements of any of our training programmes please check the job description which will provide further information.

I am afraid of heights and uncomfortable in confined spaces, will this be an issue?

If you are offered a position to become an Overhead Linesperson you will be working at height on a daily basis so this is something you must be comfortable with. If you are offered a position to become a Joiner you will need to be comfortable with working in confined spaces. Please take this into consideration when applying. If you would like to know more about which trades your area is recruiting for, please contact us by email futuretalent@ukpowernetworks.co.uk

Can I apply again if I have applied in the past?

Yes! If you have applied for the any of our programmes before you are welcome to apply again however, please state this in the application form when applying.

What does my role within UK Power Networks look like at the end of the programme?

Once you have successfully completed your Apprenticeship Programme, you will progress into a craft person's role. This will be one of the trades you have been trained in either as an Overhead Linesperson, Joiner or a Fitter.

Do you have any tips on the application process for the Programme?

Please check out our application hints and tips page to get you through the application process.