



HOW TO BECOME A HIGH-VOLTAGE SUBSTATION OPERATOR APPRENTICE

Explore an exciting and rewarding career as a High-Voltage Substation Operator. Support your community by helping BPA deliver low cost and clean energy to your family and friends.



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Relevant education and experience:

- High school diploma or GED (required)
- Substation operator
- Federal employee or military veteran

Career path:

Substation Apprentice

**Journeyman
Substation Operator**

**Chief Substation
Operator**

Dispatcher

Become a high-voltage substation operator apprentice

A substation operator apprenticeship offers:

- \$40+/hour starting salary as an apprentice.
- Overtime pay.
- Work and train throughout Pacific Northwest.
- 3.5 year training program.
- Comprehensive health care coverage (medical, dental, vision, life, etc.).
- Paid holidays, paid leave, sick leave.
- Agency matching retirement savings (Thrift Savings Plan).
- Career advancement opportunities.

Substation operator apprentice job duties:

- Operating energized high- and low-voltage electrical power system substations.
- Checking and reviewing station conditions to ensure station security.
- Performing inspections on all high- and low-voltage equipment in substations.
- Checking indications and tags on control panels against actual station conditions.
- Learning to plan and perform switching.
- Monitoring and operating various communications systems.
- Communicating with other crafts, system dispatchers and external utility customers.
- Studying assigned learning objectives to learn the craft.

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