



Sheet Metal Worker

Job Description

Sheet metal workers fabricate and install fittings and duct work used in construction or industry for heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems in residential, commercial, and industrial applications. They set up and operate shears, press brakes, hand brakes, bending rolls, welding machines, and other equipment to cut, form, and attach metal together for applications such as metal roofing and stainless steel work for restaurants, kitchens, and hospitals. They prepare shop and field drawings manually and with computer programs. Computer skills are becoming increasingly important for controlling industrial equipment.

Working Conditions

The work is performed both indoors and out, using scaffolding, ladders, and high lifts, and in awkward positions and cramped spaces. Sheet metal workers may work in shops performing fabrication work, or on construction sites doing installation.

Length of Apprenticeship

This apprenticeship lasts three to five years. Apprentices must complete a minimum of 144 related classroom hours per year and between 7,200 and 10,000 on-the-job training hours.

Minimum Qualifications

Apprenticeship applicants must be at least 18 years of age. In addition, they must provide proof of high school graduation or general education development (GED) equivalent. Local apprenticeship committees may require additional qualifications.

Apprenticeship Committees

Portland Sheet Metal Worker JATC
503-257-1022

www.sheetmetal-16.org

Area 1, 2, 3, 6, 7

Mid-Valley Sheet Metal Workers JAC
503-557-1203 or 800-284-5434

www.orphcc.com/apprenticeshipprograms/index.html

Area 1, 2



Sheet Metal JATC 503-598-0522 www.abcpnw.org	Area 1
Area III Sheet Metal/HVAC JATC 541-942-7490	Area 3
South Central Oregon Sheet Metal JATC 541-245-7912 www.roguecc.edu/workforce	Area 5
NE OR Sheetmetal Workers JATC 509-735-1122	Area 6
Central Oregon Sheet Metal JATC 541-279-1543	Area 7

Wages (Average, State of Oregon, 2018)

Beginning apprentices start at approximately 50 percent of the journey-level wage. Upon successful completion of required class work and on-the-job hours, wages increase usually every six months, until the journey-level rate is achieved.

- **Hourly:** \$24.57
- **Annual:** \$51,108