

Source: **BC Hydro**  
Job Title: **Power Line Technician Pre-Apprentice**  
Job Location: **Surrey, British Columbia, Canada**  
Hourly Salary: **\$33.78**

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Powered by water... and by people like you

Providing clean electricity to 4 million customers takes a diverse workforce and that's where you come in. We need your talent to help us build major projects to meet growing demand. To help our customers find clean energy solutions for their homes and businesses and to be ready to respond during storms and outages to keep our system reliable.

Working for BC Hydro is meaningful. And now, the stakes have been raised as we work towards a solution to climate change while safely providing clean, affordable electricity to our customers.

We offer a healthy work life balance, training opportunities and career progression. We're proud to be ranked as one of B.C.'s Top Employers and one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers. Join us as we build an even cleaner B.C.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Duties:**

- Complete work assignments as a pre-apprentice PLT and be able to perform work up to voltages of 120/240 Single Phase, following completion of SkilledTrades BC level 1 Apprentice PLT Technical Training.
- Act as a driver/ground person, and as required, may operate a Line Truck (single or dual axle) during the construction, maintenance, and operations of the distribution system. This includes, but not limited, to climbing, and assisting in the installation and removal of poles/anchors and transformers.
- Work with the tradesperson crew or Journeyperson PLT to whom they have been assigned and shall, when required, attend to handling, and transportation of equipment and materials. They shall also be qualified to drive and operate a motor car, truck, truck winch or other similar truck equipment.
- Learn basic climbing skills, safety procedures, tool/material use and bucket truck operation.
- Work outside in all weather conditions at heights of 30 - 400 ft.

### **Qualifications:**

- High school graduation with the following courses: English 12, Math 11, and Physics 11 (or equivalents).
- Valid BC Class 5 driver's license or higher (Class 3 Manual Transmission preferred), with Air Brake Endorsement.
- Physically capable of performing the work, with normal colour vision.
- Strong interpersonal skills to deal with both internal and external customers.
- Demonstrated mechanical aptitude through construction experience, mechanics or exposure to trades.
- Applicants must meet the above requirements at the time of applying (by the job posting's close date) to be eligible to be considered.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

You will receive:

- A comprehensive benefits package
- A minimum of 15 paid vacation days
- A lifetime pension
- Flexible work model, depending on your role type
- Training and development courses

For more information on the benefits we offer, visit [bchydro.com/benefits](http://bchydro.com/benefits).

What else you should know

This position is affiliated with the international Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union (IBEW local 258) [www.ibew258.bc.ca](http://www.ibew258.bc.ca)

- This Trade will interest those who enjoy working outdoors and performing hands on physical work.
- To develop the necessary line skills to be equipped and eligible for the PLT Apprenticeship, candidates must first participate in this PLT Pre-Apprentice program for twelve (12) months.
- As a Power Line Technician Pre-Apprentice, you may be asked to move anywhere in the province for the duration of your program. Upon assuming the role as an Apprentice Power Line Technician, you will typically be assigned to at least two headquarters anywhere in the province.
- Locations may include the following: Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Southern Interior, and Northern BC (i.e. Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Prince George, Chetwynd, Mackenzie, Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Vanderhoof, Burns Lake, Terrace, Hazelton, Smithers, Masset and Prince Rupert).
- A condition of employment for the Power Line Technician Pre-Apprentice role is that you maintain your Class 5 Driver's License (with air brake endorsement). Before being eligible for the Power Line Technician Apprenticeship role, you must obtain your Class 3 Driver's License (with air brake endorsement).
- The IBEW Wage Rate for a PLT Pre-Apprentice is currently \$33.78 per hour.

\* Please be advised that this role has been assessed as safety sensitive and pre-qualification alcohol and drug testing will be required as a pre-condition to employment.

In order for your application to be considered, please ensure that you update your Candidate Profile and provide the following documents with your application:

- Comprehensive resume and cover letter.
- Proof of educational pre-requisite completion: Copy of high school transcript indicating high school graduation and completion of English 12, Math 11, and Physics 11 (or equivalents). Where equivalent status is claimed at the high school or post-secondary level, acceptable documentation must be provided by the applicant that will show equivalency of courses taken. Either a course description indicating the equivalency or a letter from your place of education or your instructor indicating the course(s) and stating that the course(s) taken would be considered equivalent to or better than the requirement.
- A current copy of your Driver's Abstract confirming Class 5 Driver's License (or higher) with air brake endorsement, which can be obtained from a motor vehicle branch or government agency depending on the province you reside in. NOTE: the correct document from ICBC is titled "Personal Driving History".
- Please note, applicants may be required to provide a copy of their ICBC Claims History as part of the pre-employment process.

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**How to Apply**

Interested candidates should submit their applications online at [https://app.bchydro.com/careers/current\\_opp.html](https://app.bchydro.com/careers/current_opp.html) by **Jan 16, 2026**.

**Click here** to access the job posting or visit the [BC Hydro “Current Opportunities” Careers page](#) to view and apply for jobs.

**You must use a supported browser, such as Firefox, Internet Explorer, Google Chrome or Safari. Your pop up blocker will also need to be disabled for the BC Hydro Careers site.**

On the BC Hydro Careers site, click on the Apply button in order to complete the steps to apply for this job. Please be sure to update your Candidate Profile with your current resume and include copies of your certifications, if applicable.

We're always looking for exceptional people to bring new ideas, fresh thinking and the motivation to help shape the electricity system in B.C. It's an exciting time to be a part of our team as we invest in our system and prepare to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Our values guide our work. Want to join us?

We are safe.

We are here for our customers.

We are one team.

We include everyone.

We act with integrity and respect.

We are forward thinking.

BC Hydro is an equal opportunity employer.

We include everyone. We welcome applications from anyone, including members of visible minorities, women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities.

We are also happy to provide reasonable accommodations throughout the selection process and while working at BC Hydro. If you require support applying online because you are a person with a disability, please contact us at [Recruitmenthelp@BCHydro.com](mailto:Recruitmenthelp@BCHydro.com)

Flexible work model role definitions

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Our four role types identify the degree of flexibility an employee could have to work from home based on the type of work they do. The flexibility for an individual job is up to the manager for each position and the operational requirements. Employees also have the right to work full-time from the office if they prefer. All of our roles require at least some in-person time.

IBEW/Field – No option to work from home

Resident – Works primarily (4+ days per week) in the office.

Hybrid – May be able to work from home up to 3 days per week.

Remote – Works from home 4+ days per week