



**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A JOURNEYMAN?**

To become an experienced craft professional, such as a plumber or electrician, it's typically done through a work-based apprenticeship learning program. This training involves educational classes and working full-time with a journeyman within their specific craft. After completion, a craft professional would be considered a journeyman. An additional three to four years of training and more exams further test skills for a journeyman to become a master craftsman.

The following table details the approximate time it takes to become a journeyman. These durations show the importance of recruiting and training new workers now to address the overall aging workforce. Note that these are approximate durations, and may differ by state, job experience, training programs and many other factors.

<b>Craft</b>	<b>Duration (Years)</b>	<b>Craft</b>	<b>Duration (Years)</b>
<b>Electrician<sup>1</sup></b>	4-5	<b>Crane Operator<sup>2</sup></b>	1-4
<b>Plumber<sup>1</sup></b>	2-4	<b>Equipment Operator<sup>2</sup></b>	4
<b>HVAC<sup>1</sup></b>	2-5	<b>Mason<sup>3</sup></b>	3-4
<b>Carpenter<sup>3</sup></b>	3-4	<b>Insulation Worker<sup>4</sup></b>	4-5
<b>Welder<sup>5</sup></b>	3-4	<b>Millwright<sup>5</sup></b>	3-5
<b>Pipefitter<sup>6</sup></b>	3-5	<b>Operating Engineer<sup>7</sup></b>	4-5
<b>Painter<sup>8</sup></b>	3	<b>Ironworker<sup>3</sup></b>	4
<b>Boilermaker<sup>2</sup></b>	4-5	<b>Sheetmetal Worker<sup>5</sup></b>	3-4
<b>Concrete Finisher<sup>9</sup></b>	3-4	<b>Roofer<sup>10</sup></b>	2-5
<b>Glass/Glazing<sup>11</sup></b>	3-4	<b>Rigger<sup>12</sup></b>	3

<sup>1</sup> [www.servicetitan.com](http://www.servicetitan.com)

<sup>2</sup> [www.operatorhq.com](http://www.operatorhq.com)

<sup>3</sup> [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)

<sup>4</sup> [money.usnews.com](http://money.usnews.com)

<sup>5</sup> [www.ziprecruiter.com](http://www.ziprecruiter.com)

<sup>6</sup> [www.careerexplorer.com](http://www.careerexplorer.com)

<sup>7</sup> [www.constructioncareers.org](http://www.constructioncareers.org)

<sup>8</sup> [www.careertrend.com](http://www.careertrend.com)

<sup>9</sup> [www.zippia.com](http://www.zippia.com)

<sup>10</sup> [work.chron.com](http://work.chron.com)

<sup>11</sup> [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

<sup>12</sup> [www.nccco.org](http://www.nccco.org)