We’re BC Hydro and we have a big job to do.

Keeping the lights on for over 4 million people across the province takes a lot of talented people doing many different jobs. From working deep in a generating station, atop a power pole, or behind a desk, whatever it is that makes you tick we offer challenging careers to help you reach your potential.

We’re investing more than $2 billion per year in major capital infrastructure projects to help meet the growing demand for safe, reliable power. We’re upgrading transmission lines, building new substations, and investing in our hydroelectric generation facilities. We aim to provide meaningful and challenging work, opportunities for growth and a healthy work/life balance. We’ve been recognized for excellence and been named one of B.C.’s Top Employers and one of Canada’s Best Diversity Employers for four years in a row.

It's our vision to be the most trusted, innovative utility company in North America by being smart about power in all we do.

Duties:

As per IBEW Collective Agreement.

The successful Power Line Technician Pre-Apprentice will:

- Complete work assignments as a Level 1 Apprentice PLT and be able to perform work up to voltages of 120/240 Single Phase, following completion of ITA 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:

This Trade will interest those who enjoy working outdoors and performing hands on physical work.

The successful Power Line Technician Pre-Apprentice will:

- Have graduated from High school with the following courses: English 12, Math 11 (or equivalents) and Physics 11.

- Have a BC Class 5 driver's license with Air Brake Endorsement (Class 3 Manual Transmission preferred).
• Be physically capable of performing the work and have normal colour vision.

• Have strong interpersonal skills to deal with both internal and external customers.

• Have demonstrated mechanical aptitude through construction experience, mechanics or exposure to trades.

Additional Information:

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

• To develop the necessary line skills so that you are equipped to apply on a PLT Apprenticeship, candidates must first participate in the 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 be assigned to one or 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, Dease Lake, Kitimat, 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 to bid on the Power Line Technician Apprenticeship role, you must obtain your Class 3 Driver's License (with air brake endorsement).

• Please be advised that this role has been assessed as safety sensitive. As part of the selection process, you will be required to demonstrate successful completion of pre-qualification alcohol and drug testing and a medical check as a pre-condition to employment, to help safeguard BC Hydro’s workplace.

• The IBEW Wage Rate for a Pre-Apprentice PLT is $27.79

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 act with integrity.
We respect our province.
We are forward thinking.

BC Hydro is an equal opportunity employer.

How to Apply
Don't forget to update your Candidate Profile with your current resume and copies of your certifications. If applicable, include your Trades Qualification. This will ensure we have all the necessary information to assess your application without any delays.

Click on the Apply button in order to complete the steps to apply for this job.

Interested candidates should submit their applications online at https://app.bchydro.com/careers/current_opp.html by March 24, 2019.

Click here to access the job posting or visit the BC Hydro “Current Opportunities” Careers page to view and apply for jobs.