

## TVPPA Revised Lineman Apprenticeship Program (LAP)

### Frequently Asked Questions

- **When was the revised program launched?** July 1, 2010
- **Do I have to enroll my employees in the revised LAP?** Any new student in the LAP after July 1, 2010 must enroll in the revised program.

- **What are the new requirements of the revised LAP?**

#### Self-Study Modules

- Unit 1 – Basic Lineman Skills
- Unit 2 – Mathematics & AC Review
- Unit 3 – Intermediate Lineman Skills & AC Fundamentals
- Unit 4 – Advanced Lineman Skills
- Work Zone Traffic Control – Online Only

#### Skills Labs

- Pre-Apprentice Assessment
- Fundamentals Lab 1
- Construction Lab 2
- Operations Lab 3
- Underground Lab 4
- Troubleshooting Lab 5

#### Final Exam

- **If my employee is already a climber, can he skip the Pre-Apprentice Assessment Workshop?** The Pre-Apprentice Assessment Workshop is a required element of the revised program. To receive an overall completion certificate, the Pre-Apprentice Assessment Workshop must be completed. However, if an overall completion certificate is not required by your utility for the apprentice to progress, you may opt out of sending your employee to the workshop. They will still receive a completion certificate for each class that they complete successfully. In order for your employee to attend Fundamentals Lab 1 without attending the Pre-Apprentice Workshop, a letter on your utility letterhead stating your employee is a qualified climber must be received prior to attending the lab.
- **What formats are available for the self-study modules of the revised LAP?**
  - Online – all content and testing online
  - Blended – hard copy student workbook, online testing
  - Traditional Correspondence – hard copy student workbook and testing

- **Is there a price difference between self-study formats? (pricing specific to revised LAP)**
  - Online:
    - Member \$560
    - Non-member \$690
  - Blended
    - Member \$610
    - Non-member \$740
  - Traditional Correspondence
    - Member \$760
    - Non –member \$815
  
- **Are additional textbooks required?** Yes. The LAP requires the APPA Safety Manual, Lineman & Cableman’s Handbook and Alternating Current Fundamentals textbooks.
  
- **How do I order the textbooks?** Textbooks must be ordered separately and can be found by title in the drop down menu of course listings during the registration process.
  
- **What is the minimum passing score for the self-study modules?** The minimum passing score for the revised LAP is 70. The minimum passing score for the previous version is 75.
  
- **What if my employee fails a lesson test on the self-study modules?** Each student is allowed one retake. In the revised LAP, if testing online (which is recommended), the student will automatically be allowed one retake. In the previous program, a retake test must be requested from TVPPA.
  
- **What if my employee fails the retake?** They may be re-enrolled in the unit for an administrative fee of \$100.
  
- **What if my employee was enrolled in the program prior to July 1, 2010?** They are grandfathered into the requirements of the program in which they originally enrolled, self-study modules and labs included.
  
- **Some labs in the revised program are titled the same as the previous program’s labs. Does it matter to which lab I send my employees?** Yes. Although titles may be the same for the Construction and Operations labs in the both programs, the content and learning objectives are different. In order for an apprentice to progress consistently and receive exposure to the knowledge and skills outlined in each program curriculum, they need to attend only the labs associated with the version of the program in which they originally enrolled.

- **Why aren't the self-study modules and labs from the previous program available for online registration?** To reduce the number of class listings in the catalog and confusion about which version to register for, only offerings from the revised LAP are available for online registration.
- **How do I register my employees for self-study modules and labs from the previous program?** Contact Administrative Services at 423.648.2464 or [kmurray@tvppa.com](mailto:kmurray@tvppa.com) for registration assistance.
- **Who should I contact with questions about the LAP?**
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