

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get a job in the union?

- First, you must get yourself on Local 234's Out-of-Work List. You will need at least 1 year (2,000 hours) of experience working for an electrical contractor. For proof of this experience, we require some type of documentation such as W2s, Paystubs, or a print out of your total wages from the Social Security Office (SSA Report 7050). We ask that you bring this info into the office and fill out the necessary forms to get yourself registered. If you have any questions on this, you can contact John Barber at (831)321-2640 or the office at (831)633-2311.
- Once you are on the Out-of-Work list, you must follow our dispatch procedures, available below, to get work in Local 234. We have a call-in bid system and our job calls are only available on our jobline at (831)633-5627. The jobs available go live at 2 pm Monday thru Friday and you can apply for the jobs from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. To apply, you must listen to the jobline recording, then leave a voicemail with your name and phone number as well as the job you are applying for. For more detailed instructions please see our dispatch procedures below.
[IBEW Local 234 Dispatch Procedures](#)

What's the pay rate in Local 234?

- Pay rates can be found on our website here:
[Inside Wireman \(Commercial Electrician\)](#)
[Sound & Communication \(Low Voltage\)](#)

How much does it cost to be an IBEW member?

- Monthly Membership Fees are currently \$50 a month and when working you will be paying 6% of your gross pay towards working dues.

How do I become an apprentice?

- To join Local 234 as an apprentice if you have little to no experience, you will need to apply to the program at [Tri-County Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee](#) or call (831)633-3063 to find out more. The only cost for this program would be the cost of being

an IBEW member plus books for each year of education (around \$200).

Do you offer retirement plans?

- Members of Local 234 will be enrolled in the 9th District Pension Plan as well as the NEBF Plan and the IBEW Retirement plan

What tools will I need?

- Contractors will provide all power tools and PPE. This includes drills, impacts, sawzalls, torque wrenches, ladders, benders, safety vests, hard hats, safety glasses, etc. The tools you will need to supply are on the Local 234 Tool List available [here](#).