

JOINT MICHIGAN APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Recommendation for Step Progression

0-1000 hrs./1st (six months):

Apprentice should be issued climbing gear and begin learning to climb. Greatest emphasis should be placed on safety awareness and hazard recognition. No work on or near energized equipment, poles or structure.

1000-2000 hrs./2nd (six months):

Apprentice should be issued rubber gloves and can be allowed to work 600 volts or less as his climbing ability and knowledge allows. Apprentice cannot work on energized primary equipment, poles or structures.

2000-3000 hrs./3rd (six months):

Apprentice should be comfortable working on any equipment pole or structure, but not allowed within reaching or falling distance of conductors energized at more than 600 volts.

3000-4000 hrs./4th (six months):

Apprentice should be allowed to work energized primary voltage with a qualified lineman on energized equipment, poles or structure.

4000-5000 hrs./5th (six months):

Apprentice shall continue to work with a qualified lineman on energized equipment, poles or structure but more responsibility for safety and equipment operation should be assumed.

5000-6000 hrs./6th (six months):

Apprentice shall continue to work with a qualified lineman on energized equipment, poles or structures. Apprentice shall be more involved with job planning and leading. Apprentice shall demonstrate knowledge in system equipment, protections, and switching practices.

6000-7000 hrs./7th (six months):

Apprentice shall continue to work with a qualified lineman on energized equipment, poles or structure, but should be given the lead on selected jobs to continually develop his leadership ability.