

STEAM PLANT ASSISTANT
(Class Code 5622)

JOB PREVIEW

The City of Los Angeles seeks to employ well-qualified individuals who have an interest in working as a Steam Plant Assistant within the Department of Water and Power. All entry-level Steam Plant Assistant positions are temporary training positions as defined in Civil Service Rule 5.30.

Often, while candidates are attracted to the positive aspects of the job, they may ignore some of the less appealing features. We feel it is important for candidates to have a clear understanding of the job so they can decide if this is a career they have an interest in doing and the ability to do it well.

The job factors listed below are realistic features of the Steam Plant Assistant position, both favorable and less appealing. We strongly suggest you consider these factors to determine if this position fits your career goals.

- Willingness to undergo intensive on-the-job training as well as formalized training outside of working hours
- Ability to lift and carry bags of work material up to 60 pounds and to grip and turn large valves and raise burners
- Ability to adapt to changing work assignments, rotating and graveyard shifts, and working on weekends and holidays, and to be physically healthy and have the stamina to work long hours and stay alert on shifts
- Ability to work safely and to recognize potentially dangerous situations, for instance, when working with electrical systems on mercury or other potentially dangerous substances
- Normal depth perception and color vision is required
- Ability and willingness to wear respiratory protection equipment under hazardous and emergency conditions
- Willingness to be free of certain types of facial hair and medical conditions in order to ensure the safe use of respiratory protection equipment
- Stress of the job, for example, when working long shifts, nights and weekends, under pressure, and frequently in emergency conditions
- Ability to work in tight, close, enclosed, and high places, for example, inside boilers, condensers, and on stacks
- Ability to work under adverse conditions, for instance, in extreme noise and temperatures
- Ability to react quickly and calmly under pressure or in emergencies
- Ability to communicate complicated technical information orally, in detail, and in clear English when speaking on the telephone, over a public address system, and person-to-person in normal work situations while under stress and under very noisy conditions
- Willingness to work in various work locations and facilities throughout the City and outlying areas to meet Department staffing needs
- A valid and unrestricted California Driver's License with no major moving violations within the past 36 months is required prior to appointment

We welcome you to continue your efforts to become a Steam Plant Assistant if these working conditions meet your personal and career goals.