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Kick-start your career as an Essential Energy apprentice or trainee

Applicants for apprentice and trainee positions with Essential Energy have less than two weeks to apply to help operate one of Australia's largest electricity networks.

Chief Executive Officer, John Cleland, said this year's recruitment program comes during an exciting period of energy industry transformation and aims to boost employment opportunities across regional, rural and remote NSW communities.

"In total, 25 apprenticeships are available across Essential Energy's footprint, including powerline worker and electrical technician roles," John said.

"It is encouraging to know that there has been strong interest across the state and this includes candidates from a diverse range of backgrounds and experience."

"As an equal opportunity employer, we want our workforce to reflect the 1,500 local communities we serve, so we encourage everyone who is looking for an opportunity to kick start their career in this dynamic industry to apply," John added.

The four-year apprenticeship program offers an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds – men, women, school leavers, Indigenous and mature age applicants – to learn a nationally-recognised qualification and industry-specific skills.

The apprenticeship positions will be located at Albury, Bathurst, Bega, Bombala, Casino, Coffs Harbour, Coonabarabran, Dubbo, Glen Innes, Leeton, Maclean, Moruya, Parkes, Port Macquarie, Quirindi, Tweed Heads, Wagga Wagga and Wyallda.

"Six pre-employment trainee positions are also on offer in Albury, Ballina, Coonamble, Nyngan, Orange and Wagga Wagga for Indigenous applicants, providing an entry-level window into the electricity supply industry and future positions with the company," John said.

To apply, visit: essentialenergy.com.au/kickstart or for more information, email: careers@essentialenergy.com.au. Applications are due by midnight (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Sunday, 22 July 2018.

Successful applicants will begin their apprenticeships and traineeships in February 2019 with a three-week induction program at one of Essential Energy's dedicated training centres located in Parkes, Grafton and Coffs Harbour.

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Caption: Applications close soon for those looking to kick-start a career at Essential Energy like apprentice Electrical Technician Coen Latimore.

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Essential Energy is the operator of one of Australia's largest electricity networks spanning 95 per cent of New South Wales' land mass. Owned by the New South Wales Government, Essential Energy also provides water and sewerage services to customers in far western New South Wales.