

California

Drought Relief Employment Training Program



**Assisting Valley Workers
Impacted by the Drought**

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Made possible through drought-aid legislation signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown, the California Drought Relief Employment Training Program provides training to both workers and employers at community colleges in regions severely impacted by the drought. This new program seeks to promote job retention through training, provide career pathways to new employment, and to provide industry-recognized certification and training related to better management of water resources.



Program overview

The program will provide 12 different training opportunities, each of roughly 250 hours for completion, to workers, employers and students impacted by the drought. This training, starting early 2015, will be provided at no cost to participants.

Training topics:

- Irrigation Technicians
- Logistics Technicians
- Industrial Maintenance Technicians
- Water Treatment Operators
- Forklift and Warehouse Technicians
- Food Safety Technicians
- Qualified Applicators License
- Manufacturing Production Technologists

Certifications

- ★ Forklift Operator
- ★ OSHA 10
- ★ Qualified Applicator License
- ★ HACCP
- ★ Customer Service Academy
- ★ Certified Production Technician
- ★ CPR First Aid
- ★ Certified Agriculture Irrigation Specialist
- ★ Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators Grade I & II

Training Programs

Certified Production Technician

College of the Sequoias; Visalia, California

This program will serve individuals seeking entry-level production jobs in the emerging Advanced Manufacturing Sector. Additionally, the program will seek to serve individuals who are English language learners by including an add-on component of Vocational ESL for those who need it. Successful completers will gain core production skills and knowledge and be prepared to become Certified Production Technicians (CPT). Program will be offered twice.



Warehouse Technician/Forklift Driver

Fresno City College; Fresno, California

The Fresno City College program will serve individuals seeking employment as warehouse technicians and/or forklift drivers. Additionally, the program will seek to serve individuals who are English language learners by including an add-on component of Vocational ESL for those who need it. Successful completers will be prepared for forklift operator's certification as per OSHA regulations, achieve CPR/First Aid Certification, and OSHA 10 Certification. Program will be offered twice.

Water/Wastewater Plant Operator

Merced College; Merced, California

The Water Treatment program will serve individuals seeking employment as water/wastewater plant operators. The program will provide an add-on component of Customer Service Academy training. Successful completers will be prepared for state certification for waste water treatment plant operator, grade I and II (entry level) and a Customer Service Academy Certification of Completion.

Industrial Maintenance Mechanics

Merced College; Merced, California

The Industrial Maintenance program will serve individuals seeking employment as industrial maintenance mechanics. The program will provide an add-on component of Customer Service Academy and Thrive & Survive in the Workplace training. Successful completers will be prepared for OSHA 10 Certification and will receive a Customer Service Academy Certification of Completion.

Logistics Technician

Modesto Junior College; Modesto, California

The Logistics technician program will serve individuals seeking employment as warehouse technicians and/or forklift drivers. Additionally, the program will seek to serve individuals who are English language learners by including an add-on component of Vocational ESL. Successful completers will be prepared for forklift operator's certification as per OSHA regulations, achieve CPR/First Aid Certification, OSHA 10 Certification.

Certified Agricultural Irrigation Specialist (CAIS)

Modesto Junior College; Modesto, California

The Irrigation program will be divided into General Irrigation Technician and Advanced Irrigation Technician at 125 hours each. Successful completers will be prepared for the Certified Agricultural Irrigation Specialist (CAIS) test by the Irrigation Association.

Certified Agricultural Irrigation Specialist (CAIS)

Reedley College; Reedley, California

The Irrigation technician program will serve individuals seeking employment in the agriculture industry with irrigation manufacturers, dealers, and designers. Successful completers will be prepared for the California Agriculture Irrigation Specialist industry certification through the Irrigation Association.

Food Safety Technician

Reedley College; Reedley, California

The Food Safety technician program will serve individuals seeking employment in the food processing, packaging and distribution industry. Successful completers will be Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) certified and be trained in Sanitary Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP).

Certified Agricultural Irrigation Specialist (CAIS)

West Hills College; Coalinga & Mendota, California

The Irrigation training program prepares students seeking to obtain the Certified Agricultural Irrigation Specialist (CAIS). Additionally, the program will seek to serve individuals who are English language learners by including an add-on component of Vocational ESL for those who need it.

Qualified Application License (QAL)

West Hills College; Coalinga & Mendota, California

The QAL training includes theory, academic and lab preparation to students seeking to obtain a Qualified Application License (QAL). The training instruction will be delivered in a three week academy based program. The training will be hosted at Westside Institute of Technology in Mendota.



How to Qualify

In order to participate in free training, participants must be:

1. From one of the following drought affected counties:

- Fresno
- Kern
- Kings
- Madera
- Merced
- San Joaquin
- San Luis Obispo
- Stanislaus
- Tulare

2. Impacted by the drought, including: unemployed, under-employed, laid off, low socioeconomic groups, and incumbent workers.

Participants in the program will be asked to self-certify by signing an agreement stating that their employment status, or that their need for additional training is a result of the drought. Only individuals from within each of the aforementioned counties can participate.

Contact

For more information, including training locations and local college coordinator contacts, contact:

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