

APPRENTICESHIP

Inmates at Folsom Prison Graduate to Journey Level Through Apprenticeship

On November 14, a graduation ceremony was held at Folsom State Prison for 53 inmates who have reached journey-level apprenticeship certification. These apprentices have been trained as metal fabricators and maintenance custodians for health care facilities, and are the first California prison inmates to receive state-certified journey-level apprenticeships under a program established by the California Prison Industry Authority, in partnership with DIR and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Earlier this year, the California Prison Industry Authority became a registered apprenticeship partner with DIR's Division of Apprenticeship Standards and US DOL's Office of Apprenticeship. This groundbreaking program provides inmates an opportunity for stable employment upon release.



Read the [Cal PIA press release](#) about apprenticeship at Folsom State Prison.