



## HVAC Career Feature

### Solve inside temperature problems by keeping your heating and cooling systems running

HVAC is an acronym that stands for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning. Whether you live in an older house that you bought fifteen years ago and you have an old fashioned heating system or you live in a new house that you had built three years ago with the latest heating system on the market, sooner or later you are going to have to ask an HVAC certified technician to come and do professional maintenance. The same is the case in commercial settings. Yearly maintenance is generally recommended and doing this yourself is highly discouraged because of the risks that are attached to this endeavor.

HVAC maintenance technicians have learned to take care of your heating and cooling systems. They learned from specialists in the business. Some became certified at the conclusion of an extensive apprenticeship program. In other words, they received on the job training. Others went through a special program at a local community college or were enrolled in a post secondary program. Former soldiers are sometimes certified to work in HVAC maintenance jobs because the Armed Forces offered them HVAC training. Those who are enlisted in the army benefit tremendously from these training programs that are offered by the Armed forces. After they wrap up their army career, they can find an HVAC maintenance job. To work an HVAC maintenance job it is generally required to have a valid driver license also, and a clean driving record. This is needed because maintenance is usually done at the location of the customer. Most employers will also do a background check. They do not want the risk of being sued.

HVAC maintenance jobs are easy to find. The commercial sector as well as the private sector is always in need of HVAC certified technicians. As long as heating and cooling is needed in America there will be HVAC maintenance jobs. Some who are certified as HVAC technicians decide to do the work being self-employed. Although they have to buy their own tools when they are self-employed and a van or small truck, they have a very lucrative business with returning customers. They

earn a lot more than the sixteen to twenty five dollars an hour that is paid by corporations.

Every heating system and cooling system in America needs regular maintenance. It is highly recommended to do maintenance on your heating and cooling system every year. Except for changing or cleaning a filter, it is not advisable to mess with your heating or cooling system yourself if you did not get professional instruction in the matter. You do not want to take the risk of doing something wrong and messing up the installation you have in place. Heating and cooling systems are becoming a lot more complicated with the newer technology that is involved. It becomes more and more important that it is done by a professional certified HVAC technician.

HVAC maintenance jobs are posted everywhere. You can find them on job boards, in newspapers, or on the internet. Governmental organizations often hire HVAC technicians to do maintenance of heating and cooling systems in government owned buildings. Bigger corporations also hire HVAC technicians to do maintenance and repairs in their own buildings. Cruise ships and steamers hire HVAC technicians.

These HVAC maintenance jobs are of course very popular with the more adventurous HVAC certified technicians. Who would not want to sail around and see the world at no charge, or even better, while getting paid for it?

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