

# Press Release - USW Offering Free Training for Local Job Seekers

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**January 18, 2024** - The United Steelworkers Union (USW) Local 1-689, the Tony Mazzocchi Center for Health, Safety, and Environmental Education, and the Pike County Career Technology Center announced they are working together to offer free training for local job seekers who want to fill open positions at the Department of Energy (DOE) Piketon Site, as well as for the existing workers so they can cross-train to maintain employment as work scope and skill mix requirements change. The training programs are free of charge through a grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) of the National Institute of Health (NIH) to provide training at DOE Nuclear Weapons Complexes, including trainers, books, and class materials.

The USW Local Union 1-689 and the United Steelworkers Tony Mazzocchi Center (USWTMC) have a partnership to provide safety and technical training to prepare qualifying individuals, who are at least 18 years old prior to the start date of the course, for employment opportunities at the DOE Piketon site. Preference will be given to anyone who has been affected by funding cuts, downsizing or changes in scope and skill mix requirements.

The training programs will be delivered by the USW Local Union 1-689, through its partnership with USWTMC, in Piketon, OH. The first class will be "Radiological Control Technician" training and is planned to start Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Those interested in participating in this training must first sign up for WorkKeys Testing through the Pike County Career Technology Center by calling 740-289-2282. Test results from the preceding 12 months can also be used to qualify for the program.

Students who qualify will be given an application packet for admission into the program. If selected into the program, the student will be required to pass a drug screen and a background check. While the training is free, the student will be responsible for paying for the WorkKeys testing, drug screen, and background check.

The Pike County Career Technology Center will conduct the WorkKeys test during the dates & times listed below.

**ACT WorkKeys** is a series of computer-based assessments that measures foundational workplace skills.

The following test sections of the ACT WorkKeys assessment series will be required:

1. Applied Math
2. Workplace Documents
3. Graphic Literacy

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The following are the minimum scores required for each section of the ACT WorkKeys tests.

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Radiological Control Technician</b>
<b><u>Test Section</u></b>	<b><u>Minimum Score</u></b>
Applied Math	5
Workplace Docs	5
Graphic Literacy	4

## **WorkKeys Test Schedule at Pike CTC – Adult Education**

1. Thursday January 25 at 5pm
2. Monday January 29 at 5pm
3. Friday February 2 at 9am
4. Monday February 5 at 5pm
5. Thursday February 8 at 5pm
6. Friday February 9 at 9am

### **Registration:**

To register, please contact the Adult Education Office at 740-289-2282.  
Seating is limited per test session.

### **Cost:**

\$20 per section / \$60 for all three

You may pay online at our online store:

<https://pikectc.square.site/>

### **Cancellation:**

24-hour notice is required for a cancellation and full refund.

### **Inclement Weather:**

In the event of inclement weather, Pike CTC reserves the right to cancel the test.

If this occurs, the canceled test will be re-scheduled or the individual will be issued a full refund.

### **Classes to prepare or to improve scores:**

The Pike CTC offers free classes to anyone who would like to prepare for the ACT WorkKeys tests or to those who would like to improve their scores.

The classes are available during the day, evening, or through a hybrid distance learning model.