

## Re: MT Apprenticeship?

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Well, I was told one time in the three years since I've handled the account myself that it was because of fund shortage....I didn't argue although they had the funds to open a new office in England that very same month...but anyway. What I mean is it was only one time that it was a fund shortage. Otherwise the agreement is that I turn my invoice in on the 23rd and I will receive my check between the 6th and 10th of the following month. I start emailing EVERY MONTH on the 10th, where's my check, and have discussions saying well so and so's out, (she's just the receptionist), \_\_\_ who is the accountant and signs my checks usually won't even talk to me on the phone...the most common reason I get is that Eddie, the CEO has to approve every check before it gets sent out and that it hasn't come off his desk yet. One good thing though is when by the 13th or so I haven't gotten it they will overnight it to me, but sheesh, why go through the expense of that every month when they could just do this on time? I have personal knowledge that they are like this with all their bills. Their Earthlink account was up to \$600 at one point before they started paying a monthly amount on it. This is a multimillion dollary company that has very poor bookkeepers and yes I think it's laziness on someone's part plus organization skills on someone else's part. It hasn't been really bad like it is now though until my supervisor left in July and was replaced by someone I can't even get to get in touch with me for a proper intro. Everybody in the [deleted] office complains and their turnover is horrendous for reasons just such as these. But I am honestly afraid to gripe too much because I cannot afford to lose this account as there is no way I could find something else this good since I am not an MT. I try to market myself with no hits constantly. All I can find is sub work which pays next to nothing or at least not near on a scale I need to survive. I have two people I do a lot of sub work for (one has quit sending anything since November) and they really help out as they pay what I asked and the extra money is great when this client gets slow, and I'm doing the document coding for Cypher now (that place is cool if you have a legal background and need some extra work by the way) but if I lose this account, I'm up the proverbial creek.

dani

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> Dani

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> Have you ever had any kind of discussion about why it is a problem for  
> them to pay you on time? They don't have the funds to cover until they get  
> paid? Lazy? Disorganized or what? Suppose one could write in a clause or  
> notify that when payment is not made on time, work can be withheld, then  
> do it. They can pay instantly via paypal after all. It is a fantasy, but  
> companies like that should be aware that someone as reliable and  
> hardworking as yourself could easily land work elsewhere and then start  
> playing hardball.

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> DJGordon wrote:

>> Well, that's me. I mean, I always get the money, and they have made a lot  
>> of allowances over the years for me when I had issues with Justin over  
>> the years. But I tell them, you know, I'm just a working person too, you  
>> expect to get paid on time. How would you like it if Charlie (the CEO)  
>> was as lax about your employee paycheck as you are about my IC pay? I  
>> have a 139-minute file right now with a tight deadline of Friday morning  
>> and here I still haven't been paid for the invoice I turned in on the  
>> 23rd. I know I'll get it, but I'm not Rockefeller and have all these  
>> extra resources to fall back on, a lot of times it's paycheck to paycheck  
>> around this house and it doesn't matter to them. And, no, I'm not about  
>> to cut my own throat and do or say anything too drastic, but I wish  
>> they'd get a clue. It didn't used to be this way. New people have taken  
>> over this side of the business and they are the most unorganized lot of  
>> people you've ever seen.

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>> Dani

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>> "RaeMorrill" <RaeMorrill@xxxxxxx> wrote in message

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>>>Well, you'd sure think so. Of course you could quit if they don't pay or  
>>>withhold work until they pay, but then they would find someone else, so  
>>>they have you, right? And I understand that. I've worked in a situation  
>>>where I had a hard time getting paid due to the person just not grasping  
>>>the concept of it didn't matter when she got paid, I needed to be paid on  
>>>a schedule (finally made that understood), but the work was easy,  
>>>regular, paid well, I always got the money, so I wasn't about to quit  
>>>over it.

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>>>DJGordon wrote:

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>>>>Oh, no, I don't mind the deadlines at all. The only time the deadlines  
>>>>mean something to me is when I'm waiting for my check. I have a hard  
>>>>time getting them their files when they want them when I can't ever get  
>>>>my check when I'm supposed to. I have never missed a deadline yet, I  
>>>>expect the same courtesy when it comes to getting paid.

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>>>>Dani

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>>>>"RaeMorrill" <RaeMorrill@xxxxxxx> wrote in message

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>>>>>Long as you're happy, I don't have a problem with it, but they might.

>>>>>Probably the very fact you do regularly use subcontractors would help

>>>>>them. I personally don't feel deadlines should be held against someone.

>>>>>Any contractor in any field has these. You don't ask someone to build

>>>>>you a house and then just not worry about if they aren't done in a

>>>>>given time frame, etc.

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>>>>>DJGordon wrote:

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>>>>>>I don't think I come anywhere near being an IC, that's for sure. Yes,

>>>>>>I set my own schedule in order to meet their deadlines, I use my own

>>>>>>equipment, I'm 1099.

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>>>>>>>BUT, they do the line count, they tell me what day I have to bill on

>>>>>>>and then never listen to my net statement on my invoice and just pay

>>>>>>>me when I finally hound them for days when it's past the 10th. I do

>>>>>>>the work of some of the in-office staff at times when they either

>>>>>>>don't know what they're doing or don't feel like it. My invoice has to

>>>>>>>be set up in their shell, not one of my own making....etc etc etc.

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>>>>>>>So what am I? LOL Don't answer that sarcastically please!

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>>>>>>>Dani

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>>>>>>>"RaeMorrill" <RaeMorrill@xxxxxxx> wrote in message

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>>>>>>>>Yes, but you are training them. At least from what I understand

>>>>>>>>regarding IRS and labor law, that is a real biggie. I also think the

>>>>>>>>idea of an apprentice actually being an IC would be very open to

>>>>>>>>being shot down regardless of any agreements, which mean nothing as

>>>>>>>>far as the state goes. In this state they (state) went after

>>>>>>>>subcontractors of a flooring type company because (believe it or not)

>>>>>>>>telling them where to go to do the job was directing them (something

>>>>>>>>to that effect). These were people who had their own businesses for

>>>>>>>>real.

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>>>>>>>>I don't agree with some of the ways these laws are written, but very

>>>>>>>>few IC MTs I know come anywhere near really being ICs.

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>>>>>>>>Jay wrote:

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>>>>>>>>>They do not have an exclusive working relationship with our company  
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>>>>>>>>>are free to work for other clients; they set their own working hours  
>>>>>>>>>and working conditions; they are not required to meet certain quotas  
>>>>>>>>>in  
>>>>>>>>>terms of volume or time; they provide their own equipment; they do  
>>>>>>>>>not  
>>>>>>>>>work on premises owned by our company or use any equipment or  
>>>>>>>>>software  
>>>>>>>>>that is owned by our company; they are responsible for all expenses  
>>>>>>>>>related to the work they do for our company; they are not guaranteed  
>>>>>>>>>a  
>>>>>>>>>profit from their relationship with our company; they cannot be  
>>>>>>>>>fired.  
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>>>>>>>>>This is obviously a big concern so we have spent quite a bit of time  
>>>>>>>>>researching the IRS guidelines and structuring our operation  
>>>>>>>>>accordingly. Jay  
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• *Follow-Ups:*

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