

# Federal and State Prevailing Wage Worker Classifications

## Typical **SEP/EECBG** Weatherization Tasks

**PLEASE NOTE** - Prevailing wage worker classifications are very fact specific. This list cannot and does not purport to cover all potential variations of the listed tasks which one may encounter on a project, but provides basic guidance only. The list is not a substitute for reading and applying the prevailing wage scopes of work rules available to you at

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/PrevWage/WageRates/IsPrevWageJob/default.asp> (state classifications) and <http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx#0> (federal classifications). Do not apply and rely on this list without regard to the details of the actual tasks performed. Contact L&I at (360) 902-5335 or [PWARRA@Lni.wa.gov](mailto:PWARRA@Lni.wa.gov) for assistance with identifying the specific state prevailing wage classification that applies to your situation.

Contact WSU Energy Program at (360) 956-2097 or [goldc@energy.wsu.edu](mailto:goldc@energy.wsu.edu) for questions and resources for federal prevailing wage classification for SEP/EECBG projects.

<b>Measure/Task</b>	<b>Federal Prevailing Wage Classification*</b>	<b>State Prevailing Wage Classification</b>
Dwelling Assessment	N/A	N/A
Energy Audit	N/A	N/A
Combustion Appliance Safety Test	N/A	N/A
Blower Door Test	N/A	N/A
Duct Leakage Test	N/A	N/A
Contractor Post Weatherization Inspection	N/A	N/A
<b>Attic Ventilation (jack vent install; not duct work)</b>	Roofers, Carpenters	Roofers, Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers <sup>1</sup>
<b>Carbon Monoxide Alarm</b>	Electricians	Carpenters, Electronic Technicians, Inside Electricians <sup>2</sup>
<b>Caulking (non-duct caulking)</b>	Laborers <sup>6</sup>	Laborers
<b>Ceiling Insulation</b>	Insulators, Carpenters, Laborers <sup>6</sup>	Non-mechanical aspects - Insulation Applicators
<b>Compact Fluorescent Lamps – Thread Base (replacement)</b>	Laborers <sup>6</sup>	Light bulb replacement only - Laborers
<b>Compact Fluorescent Lamps – Hard Wire</b>	Electricians	Light fixture work, anything beyond blub replacement - Inside Electricians
<b>Cooling Repair</b>	HVAC Technicians, Sheet Metal Workers	A/C Only - Refrigeration Mechanics; Heat Pumps – Refrigeration Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Heating Equipment Mechanics
<b>Cooling Replacement</b>	HVAC Technicians, Sheet Metal Workers	A/C Only - Refrigeration Mechanics; Heat Pumps – Refrigeration Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Heating Equipment Mechanics

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<b>Cover Plate Gaskets</b>	Laborers <sup>6</sup> , Carpenters	Laborers, Carpenters
<b>Doors, Exterior</b>	Carpenters (minor repair – Laborers <sup>6</sup> )	Carpenters, Glaziers <sup>3</sup>
<b>Doors, Sliding Glass</b>	Carpenters (minor repair – Laborers <sup>6</sup> )	Carpenters, Glaziers <sup>3</sup>
<b>Duct Insulation</b>	Insulators	Mechanical system duct insulation - Heat & Frost Insulators
<b>Duct Repair</b>	Sheet Metal Workers	Sheet Metal Workers
<b>Duct Replacement</b>	Sheet Metal Workers; HVAC Technicians	Sheet Metal Workers
<b>Envelope Repair (Minor)</b>	Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers, Roofers (minor or incidental structural repair – Laborers <sup>6</sup> )	Exterior Walls - Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers (depending on materials); Roof Repair - Roofers, Sheet Metal Workers, Ironworkers (depending on materials) <sup>4</sup>
<b>Exhaust Fan Installation, Repair &amp; Replacement</b>	Electricians	Inside Electricians
<b>Floor Foundation Venting</b>	Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers	Carpenters and/or Sheet Metal Workers, depending on materials
<b>Floor Insulation</b>	Insulators, Carpenters, Laborers <sup>6</sup>	Insulation Applicators
<b>Glass Replacement (Windows &amp; Doors)</b>	Glaziers	Glaziers
<b>Heating Source Repair</b>	HVAC Technicians, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians	Heating Equipment Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians, depending on type of system
<b>Heating Source Replacement</b>	HVAC Technicians, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians	Heating Equipment Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians, depending on type of system
<b>Hot Water Flow Restrictors &amp; Showerheads</b>	Plumbers, Pipefitters	Plumbers/Pipefitters
<b>Kneewall Insulation</b>	Insulators, Carpenters, Laborers <sup>6</sup>	Insulation Applicators (non-mechanical)
<b>Refrigerator Replacement</b>	Laborers	Laborers
<b>Refrigerator Replacement – Grounding Plug</b>	Electricians	Inside Electricians
<b>Screens (Window &amp; Door)</b>	Carpenters, (repair only – Laborers <sup>6</sup> )	Carpenters
<b>Shutters</b>	Carpenters, (repair only – Laborers <sup>6</sup> )	Carpenters
<b>Thermostat</b>	Electricians	Sheet Metal Workers, Inside Electricians <sup>5</sup>

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<b>Timer, Electric Water Heater</b>	Electricians, Plumbers	Inside Electricians, Plumbers/Pipefitters
<b>Vent Cover, Interior</b>	Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers	Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers, depending on materials/system
<b>Wall Insulation</b>	Insulators, Carpenters, Laborers	Insulation Applicators
<b>Water Heater Blanket</b>	Plumbers, Insulators	Heat & Frost Insulators, Plumbers/Pipefitters (part of water heater installation)
<b>Water Heater Repair</b>	Plumbers, Pipefitters	Plumbers/Pipefitters
<b>Water Heater Replacement</b>	Plumbers, Pipefitters	Plumbers/Pipefitters
<b>Weatherstripping</b>	Laborers <sup>6</sup> , Carpenters	Carpenters
<b>Window Film (Tinted)</b>	Laborers <sup>6</sup>	Tinting and Coating Installers
<b>Window Repair &amp; Replacement</b>	Carpenters, Glaziers (repair only – Laborer <sup>6</sup> )	Carpenters, Glaziers <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Cutting vents into an existing roof is the work of roofers and carpenters, except for metal roofs; Sheet Metal Workers cut into sheet metal roofs; Ironworkers cut into metal roofs for packaged, pre-engineered metal buildings; Roofers may remove, but not install or repair metal roofs. If the work involves more than passive ventilation, i.e., an electrical fan, an Inside Electrician may also be required.

<sup>2</sup>Carpenters may install battery powered detectors only, (not hard-wired); Electronic Technicians and Inside Electricians Install hard-wired systems.

<sup>3</sup>Glaziers install or remove glass and similar materials in windows, doors, etc., and may install metal window and door frames and perform certain other tasks for door and window installation and repair. They do not install non-metal door and window frames.

<sup>4</sup>Roofers may remove, but not install or repair metal roofs. Sheet Metal Workers install and repair metal roofs; Ironworkers install and repair metal roofs on packaged, pre-engineered metal buildings.

<sup>5</sup>Sheet Metal Workers applies only if the installation is part of furnace installation/replacement.

<sup>6</sup>The DOL has informed DOE that if one were using the residential WD for the SEP and EECBG programs, contractors would select wage rates for plumbers (installation of hot water heaters) and other classifications, such as carpenters, electricians, and roofers. In many cases, the laborer classification contained in the residential building WD will be the appropriate classification for most of the tasks performed by the weatherization worker defined in the WAP WD. These activities include minor repairs, batt insulation, blown insulation, window and door repair, and weather stripping, solar film installation, air sealing, caulking, minor or incidental structural repairs, duct sealing, air sealing, installation of light bulbs, and installation of smoke detectors.

However, a one size fits all approach cannot be applied in all situations. Local area practice determines the applicable classification for specific work performed in the locality of the wage determination. In many cases, the residential WD will provide guidance as to the area practice as it applies to a specific classification. In these situations, the contractor must follow the local area practice in classifying its workers, and not classify all weatherization-type work under the laborer classification. <http://www.gc.energy.gov/GCHotlineFAQ.htm> Answer 16 under topic “Davis Bacon”

\*Federal classifications were provided by Washington State University and Washington State Department of Commerce and should be verified with those entities and/or the U. S. Department of Labor.