TITLE: First Full Training Cycle Definition

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Background:

The federal government updated their code of regulations for apprenticeship in 2008 giving states two years to adopt or receive an extension if still in adoption process. Among the changes was a new process for registering Apprenticeship Program Standards. The new process requires the initial approval to be “provisional registration”. After one year of provisional status, the program registration is reviewed for compliance with three potential outcomes for the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council to implement:

1. The program approval may be made permanent, or
2. Continued as provisional through the first full training cycle/term, or
3. Rescinded following a compliance review by the apprenticeship section of the department

The problem was “First Full Training Cycle/Term” was not clearly defined. The Washington State Apprenticeship & Training Council voted to adopt the following on July 21, 2016:

Full Training Cycle Definition:

A full training cycle begins with a registration of the first apprentice and continues for one calendar year regardless of completion, cancellation and/or suspension of the apprentice.