



**APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM STANDARDS**  
**adopted by**

**TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 CTE APPRENTICESHIP**  
(sponsor name)

Occupational Objective(s):  
**AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN**

SOC#  
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## INTRODUCTION

This document is an apprenticeship program standard. Apprenticeship program standards govern how an apprenticeship works and have specific requirements. This document will explain the requirements.

The director of the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) appoints the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (WSATC) to regulate apprenticeship program standards. The director appoints and deputizes an assistant director to be known as the supervisor of apprenticeship who oversees administrative functions through the apprenticeship section at the department.

The WSATC is the sole regulatory body for apprenticeship standards in Washington. It approves, administers, and enforces apprenticeship standards, and recognizes apprentices when either registered with L&I's apprenticeship section, or under the terms and conditions of a reciprocal agreement. WSATC also must approve any changes to apprenticeship program standards.

Apprenticeship programs have sponsors. A sponsor operates an apprenticeship program and declares their purpose and policy herein to establish an organized system of registered apprenticeship education and training. The sponsor recognizes WSATC authority to regulate and will submit a revision request to the WSATC when making changes to an apprenticeship program standard.

Apprenticeships are governed by federal law (29 U.S.C 50), federal regulations (29 CFR Part 29 & 30), state law (49.04 RCW) and administrative rules (WAC 296-05). These standards conform to all of the above and are read together with federal and state laws and rules

Standards are changed with WSATC approval. Changes are binding on apprentices, sponsors, training agents, and anyone else working under an agreement governed by the standards. Sponsors may have to maintain additional information as supplemental to these standards. When a standard is changed, sponsors are required to notify apprentices and training agents. If changes in federal or state law make any part of these standards illegal, the remaining parts are still valid and remain in force. Only the part made illegal by changes in law is invalid. L&I and the WSATC may cooperate to make corrections to the standards if necessary to administer the standards.

Sections of these standards identified as bold "insert text" fields are specific to the individual program standards and may be modified by a sponsor submitting a revised standard for approval by the WSATC. All other sections of these standards are boilerplate and may only be modified by the WSATC. See WAC 296-05-003 for the definitions necessary for use with these standards.

Sponsor Introductory Statement (Required):

**The Tacoma Public Schools CTE (Career and Technical Education) apprenticeship program prepares our students for careers in the Automotive Industry. In addition, CTE-**

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**affiliated apprenticeship establishes a foundation for further learning, whether the students immediately pursue careers, attend a secondary education program at a college level, or enter a related registered apprenticeship.**

### **I. GEOGRAPHIC AREA COVERED:**

The sponsor must train inside the area covered by these standards. If the sponsor wants to train outside the area covered by these standards, the sponsor must enter a portability agreement with a sponsor outside the area, and provide evidence of such an agreement for compliance purposes. Portability agreements permit training agents to use apprentices outside the area covered by the standards. Portability agreements are governed by WAC 296-05-009.

**The area covered by these Standards shall be Pierce, King and Kitsap counties in the state of Washington.**

### **II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Minimum qualifications must be clearly stated and applied in a nondiscriminatory manner [WAC 296-05-015(17)].

Age: **Apprentices shall be at least 16 years of age. Applicants must provide evidence of minimum age.**

Education: **Applicant shall be a current Tacoma Public Schools student.**

Physical: **Physically and mentally able to safely perform or learn to safely perform essential functions of the job either with or without reasonable accommodations.**

Testing: **NONE**

Other: **NONE**

### **III. CONDUCT OF PROGRAM UNDER WASHINGTON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN:**

Sponsors with five (5) or more apprentices must adopt an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Plan and Selection Procedure (chapter 296-05 WAC and 29 CFR Part 30).

The recruitment, selection, employment and training of apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination because of race, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, color, religion, national origin, age, genetic information,

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disability or as otherwise specified by law. The sponsor shall take positive action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required by the rules of the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council and Title 29, Part 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### A. Selection Procedures:

1. **Apprentices will be selected from students currently enrolled in a Tacoma Public Schools (TPS) CTE program. School counselors and educators may refer potential applicants to the Worksite Learning Coordinator (WLC).**
2. **The WLC will meet with apprenticeship applicants and their parents/guardians as necessary to explain the apprenticeship program and expectations for participating students. The WLC will screen applicants based on the minimum qualifications in Section II of these Standards. In addition, before referral to an interview, an applicant must have:**
  - a. **Parent/guardian permission to participate (if under age 18).**
  - b. **A plan for transportation to and from the worksite.**
  - c. **A schedule that is flexible enough to allow the student to work at least 20 hours per week.**

**The WLC may be able to work with students to help them meet these requirements.**

3. **The WLC will refer pre-screened qualified applicants to an interview panel. The interview panel will consist of representatives from one or more registered Training Agents who have open apprentice positions, at least one Tacoma Public Schools staff member, and at least two members of the Apprenticeship Committee. All applicants will be asked the same interview questions and may be assessed on factors such as performance in school, counselor/teacher recommendation, interest in the occupation, work ethic, and work availability.**
4. **Apprentices will ultimately be selected by an employer that is a registered Training Agent of this program. TPS and Apprenticeship Committee members may provide input to the employers and shall ensure that the interview is conducted fairly and impartially. The Apprenticeship Committee encourages Training Agents to hire females and minorities.**
5. **Persons selected as apprentices by a Training Agent will be hired by that Training Agent in accordance with customary and established policies. The Worksite Learning Coordinator will work with the apprentice, parent/guardian, school and employer to ensure that all required paperwork is in order for employment of a minor.**

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6. **Persons selected as apprentices by a Training Agent will be informed of their rights and responsibilities under the standards of apprenticeship established for the occupation and then required to sign an apprenticeship agreement and associated documents.**

### B. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan:

1. **Tacoma Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal.**
2. **As employment with program Training Agents allow, Apprenticeship opportunities shall be offered on a fair and equitable basis to all students who meet the minimum qualification and selection procedure requirements.**

### C. Discrimination Complaints:

Any apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship who believes they have been discriminated against may file a complaint with the supervisor of apprenticeship (WAC 296-05-443).

## IV. TERM OF APPRENTICESHIP:

The term of apprenticeship for an individual apprentice may be measured through the completion of the industry standard for on-the-job learning (at least two thousand hours) (time-based approach), the attainment of competency (competency-based approach), or a blend of the time-based and competency-based approaches (hybrid approach) [WAC 296-05-015].

**The terms of Apprenticeship for all occupations covered by these standards shall be 2000 hours of reasonably continuous employment and demonstrated competency in the occupation objective.**

## V. INITIAL PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

An initial probationary period applies to all apprentices, unless the apprentice has transferred from another program. During an initial probationary period, an apprentice can be discharged without appeal rights. An initial probationary period is stated in hours or competency steps of employment. The initial probationary period is not reduced by advanced credit or standing. During an initial probationary period, apprentices receive full credit for hours and competency steps toward completion of their apprenticeship. Transferred apprentices are not subject to additional initial probationary periods [WAC 296-05-003].

The initial probationary period is [WAC 296-05-015(22)]:

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- A. the period following the apprentice's registration into the program. An initial probationary period must not be longer than twenty percent of the term of the entire apprenticeship, or longer than a year from the date the apprenticeship is registered. The WSATC can grant exemptions for longer initial probationary periods if required by law.
- B. the period in which the WSATC or the supervisor of apprenticeship may terminate an apprenticeship agreement at the written request by any affected party. The sponsor or the apprentice may terminate the agreement without a hearing or stated cause. An appeal process is not available to apprentices in their initial probationary period.
- C. **All apprentices registered in accordance with these Standards of Apprenticeship shall be subject to a probationary period of the first 400 hours of employment.**

### **VI. RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEY LEVEL WORKERS**

Supervision is the necessary education, assistance, and control provided by a journey-level employee on the same job site at least seventy-five percent of each working day, unless otherwise approved by the WSATC. Sponsors ensure apprentices are supervised by competent, qualified journey-level employees. Journey level-employees are responsible for the work apprentices perform, in order to promote the safety, health, and education of the apprentice.

- A. The journey-level employee must be of the same apprenticeable occupation as the apprentice they are supervising unless otherwise allowed by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) or the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and approved by the WSATC.
- B. The numeric ratio of apprentices to journey-level employees may not exceed one apprentice per journey-level worker [WAC 296-05-015(5)].
- C. Apprentices will work the same hours as journey-level workers, except when such hours may interfere with related/supplemental instruction.
- D. Any variance to the rules and/or policies stated in this section must be approved by the WSATC.
- E. The ratio must be described in a specific and clear manner, as to the application in terms of job site, work group, department or plant:

**The ratio of apprentices to journey-level workers shall not exceed 1 to 1 in any worksite, jobsite, or plant.**

### **VII. APPRENTICE WAGES AND WAGE PROGRESSION:**

- A. Apprentices must be paid at least Washington's minimum wage, unless a local ordinance or a collective bargaining agreement require a higher wage. Apprentices must be paid

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according to a progressively increasing wage scale. The wage scale for apprentices is based on the specified journey-level wage for their occupation. Wage increases are based on hours worked or competencies attained. The sponsor determines wage increases. Sponsors must submit the journey-level wage at least annually or whenever changed to the department as an addendum to these standards. Journey-level wage reports may be submitted on a form provided by the department. Apprentices and others should contact the sponsor or the Department for the most recent Journey-level wage rate.

- B. Sponsors can grant advanced standing, and grant a wage increase, when apprentices demonstrate abilities and mastery of their occupation. When advanced standing is granted, the sponsor notifies the employer/training agent of the wage increase the apprenticeship program standard requires.

### C. Automotive Service Technician

Step	Hour Range or competency step	Percentage of journey-level wage rate*
1	0000 -1000 hours	90.00%
2	1001–2000 hours	95.00%

## VIII. WORK PROCESSES:

The apprentice shall receive on the job instruction and work experience as is necessary to become a qualified journey-level worker versed in the theory and practice of the occupation covered by these standards. The following is a condensed schedule of work experience, which every apprentice shall follow as closely as conditions will permit. The following work process descriptions pertain to the occupation being defined.

1. **All minors are prohibited from performing any and all work in active construction zones and construction sites as defined in WAC 296-155-012.**
2. **Minor apprentices can qualify for an exemption to work in occupations prohibited by WAC 296-125-030. However, employers need to apply for the exemption as laid out in the Student Learner Exemption for Worksite Learning and Apprenticeships in Certain Hazardous Work (ES.C.11). Limited variances may be allowed for hazardous activities including but not limited to:**
  - **Power-driven woodworking machines/tools**
  - **Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines**
  - **Slaughtering, meat packing, processing, or rendering**
  - **Power-driven paper-product machines**
  - **Power-driven circular saws, band saws, and guillotine shears**
  - **All roofing work**

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- Excavations
- Occupations involving firefighting and fire suppression duties

See WAC 296-125-030 for complete rules.

There are additional work activities restricted under separate Washington State law that also need to be included on the variance form, if applicable:

- Work that may require use of hearing protection under the DOSH Hearing Conservation Standard (i.e. at or above 85 dBA), WAC 296-125-030(22)
- Work that may involve exposure to bloodborne pathogens under the DOSH Bloodborne Pathogens standard, WAC 296-125-030(24)
- Work that may involve exposure to hazardous chemicals or substances under the DOSH Hazard Communication Standard, WAC 296-125-030(25)

When minors are employed as apprentices, the following rules will apply:

1. The requirement of direct and close supervision for hazardous and otherwise prohibited work is met when there is one journey-level worker working with the first apprentice/student learner on-site and at least three journeymen or experienced adults working alongside each additional apprentice/student learner.
2. The sponsor and training agent will obtain and maintain all necessary documents, permits, variances and licenses required when employing minors.
3. The sponsor and training agent will coordinate with L&I's Teen Safety Department to develop an Employer Facility Safety Checklist prior to apprentice placement.
4. Safety Training applicable to the industry/occupation will be provided to minors prior to employment placement. It shall include industry/employer approved or required safety training, and shall meet or exceed WISHA standards.
5. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required within the industry/occupation for tasks being performed shall be provided by the employer.

**A. Automotive Service Technician                      Approximate Hours/Competency Level**

1. Safety orientation, working in an automotive environment, handling of pneumatic tools, working with automotive fluids, understanding MSDS, working around automotive lifts, safety glasses, ear protection and general housekeeping.....50
2. Flow of vehicles into shop, lifting of vehicles, oil changes, Inspection of all vehicles components, inspection of lights, replacing bulbs, installation of oil filters, fluid filling, fluid exchange, using car wash, vacuum of vehicles, dispatching



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and finishing job on computer and final documentation.....1000

3. Mainline work, removing and replacing major components including but not limited to; engines, transmissions, water pumps, oil pans, valve covers, factory recalls, using shop manuals, final documentation.....500

4. Electrical diagnosis, reading and understanding scan tools, pinpoint testing. reading electrical schematics, understanding of electrical systems and sub-systems, reprogramming of modals and final documentation.....450

Total Hours/# of Competency Levels: 2000

IX. RELATED/SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION:

The apprentice must attend related/supplemental instruction (RSI). Time spent in RSI shall not be considered as hours of work and the apprentice is not required to be paid.

RSI must be provided in safe and healthy conditions as required by the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act and applicable federal and state regulations.

Hours spent in RSI are reported to L&I each quarter. Reports must show which hours are unpaid and supervised by a competent instructor versus all other hours (paid and/or unsupervised) for industrial insurance purposes.

For purposes of coverage under the Industrial Insurance Act, the WSATC is an employer and the apprentice is an employee when an unpaid, supervised apprentice is injured while under the direction of a competent instructor and participating in RSI activities.

If apprentices do not attend required RSI, they may be subject to disciplinary action by the sponsor.

A. The methods of related/supplemental training must be indicated below (check those that apply):

( ) Supervised field trips

( ) Sponsor approved training seminars (specify)

(X) Sponsor approved online or distance learning courses (specify): **Electude**

( ) State Community/Technical college

( ) Private Technical/Vocational college

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Sponsor Provided (lab/classroom)

Other (specify): **Manufacturer-specific certification courses and training**

B. (144) Minimum RSI hours per year defined per the following [see WAC 296-05-015(6)]:

Twelve-month period from date of registration.\*

Defined twelve-month school year: (insert month) through (insert month).

Two-thousand hours of on the job training.

*\*If no selection is indicated above, the WSATC will define RSI hours per twelve-month period from date of registration.*

C. Additional Information:

**Curriculum will be reviewed by the Tacoma CTE office on an annual basis to ensure that it meets occupational requirements for the apprentice learning goals.**

**Automotive Service Technician apprentices may complete coursework through any combination of Tacoma Public Schools CTE classes, Apprenticeship Committee-approved online courses (e.g., Electude), or employer-provided training. The individual training plan must:**

- 1. Be approved by the Apprenticeship Committee, the Worksite Learning Coordinator, and the Employer;**
- 2. Constitute at least 144 hours of course work;**
- 3. Cover all of the specific content outlined in the RSI plan; and**
- 4. Have an objective grading or pass/fail assessment.**

**If an employer requires training on manufacturer-specific automotive systems, it may substitute for the general automotive training available through Tacoma Public Schools or Electude, provided the same systems and content are covered.**

### **X. ADMINISTRATIVE/DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:**

A. Administrative Procedures:

The sponsor may include in this section a summary and explanation of administrative actions performed at the request or on the behalf of the apprentice. Such actions may include but are not limited to:

- 1. Voluntary Suspension:** A temporary interruption in progress of an individual's apprenticeship agreement at the request of the apprentice and granted by the sponsor. The program sponsor shall review apprentices in suspended status at least once each year to determine if the suspension is still appropriate.

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2. Advanced Standing or Credit: The sponsor may provide for advanced standing or credit for demonstrated competency, acquired experience, training or education in or related to the occupation. All sponsors need to ensure a fair and equitable process is applied to all apprentices seeking advanced standing or credit per WAC 296-05-015(11).
3. Sponsor Procedures:
  - a. **Apprentices will use a daily electronic work journal to report hours in real time. Sponsor will ensure that work hours are reviewed and approved by the apprentice's supervisor by the 5th of the following month.**
  - b. **Each student will meet with the Worksite Learning Coordinator to discuss how many hours they are eligible to work, up to 38 hours per week depending on employer variances and Worksite Learning Agreements. The employer is responsible for scheduling the apprentice's work within the approved hours.**
  - c. **Apprentices must maintain all job-required certificates while registered as an apprentice.**
  - d. **Apprentices must abide by all policies and procedures as described in the Employer's Employee Handbook, a copy of which will be provided to the Apprentice prior to beginning work.**
  - e. **The Apprenticeship Committee is invested in each apprentice's ability to complete their High School education, achieve an on time graduation and diploma. The Worksite Learning Coordinator will monitor the student's academic progress and investigate any concerns raised by a teacher, parent or other party. An apprentice who is struggling academically may be brought before the Apprenticeship Committee for disciplinary action and/or a modification of their approved work hours.**
  - f. **Time spent completing RSI provided by the Employer shall not count as OJT hours, whether or not the apprentice is paid for this time.**
  - g. **An apprentice must receive a passing score for all RSI before they are eligible to receive a Certificate of Completion.**
  - h. **Each apprentice must keep the Apprenticeship Committee, Worksite Learning Coordinator, and Employer apprised of their current contact information.**

### B. Disciplinary Procedures

1. The obligations of the sponsor when taking disciplinary action are as follows:

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- a. The sponsor shall be responsible for enacting reasonable policies and procedures and applying them consistently. The sponsor will inform all apprentices of their rights and responsibilities per these standards.
  - b. The sponsor shall notify the apprentice of intent to take disciplinary action and reasons therefore 20 calendar days prior to taking such action. The reason(s) supporting the sponsor's proposed action(s) must be sent in writing to the apprentice.
  - c. The sponsor must clearly identify the potential outcomes of disciplinary action, which may include but are not limited to discipline, suspension or cancellation of the apprenticeship agreement.
  - d. The decision/action of the sponsor will become effective immediately.
2. The sponsor may include in this section requirements and expectations of the apprentices and an explanation of disciplinary actions imposed for noncompliance. The sponsor has the following disciplinary procedures to adopt:
- a. Disciplinary Probation: A time assessed when the apprentice's progress is not satisfactory. During this time the sponsor may withhold periodic wage advancements, suspend or cancel the apprenticeship agreement, or take further disciplinary action. A disciplinary probation may only be assessed after the initial probation is complete.
  - b. Disciplinary Suspension: A temporary interruption in the progress of an individual's apprenticeship agreement. Conditions will include not being allowed to participate in On-the-Job Training (OJT), go to Related Supplemental Instruction (RSI) classes or take part in any activity related to the Apprenticeship Program until such time as the sponsor takes further action. The program sponsor shall review apprentices in such status at least once each year.
  - c. Cancellation: Refers to the termination of an apprenticeship agreement at the request of the apprentice, supervisor, or sponsor. [WAC 296-05-003].
3. Sponsor Disciplinary Procedures:
- a. **In the event an apprentice is unsuccessful in passing a related RSI component, the training agent and/or Apprenticeship Committee shall provide additional educational support in the deficient subject matter area(s). If the apprentice fails the component again, they shall appear before the Apprenticeship Committee for potential disciplinary action, which may include disciplinary probation, suspension, or cancellation of the apprenticeship agreement.**
  - b. **Failure of the apprentice to maintain employment with a registered training agent may result in termination of apprenticeship agreement.**

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### C. Apprentice Complaint Procedures:

1. The apprentice must complete his/her initial probationary period in order to be eligible to file a complaint (WAC 296-05-105).
2. Complaints involving matters covered by a collective bargaining agreement are not subject to the complaint procedures in this section.
3. Complaints regarding non-disciplinary matters must be filed with the program sponsor within 30 calendar days from the date of the last occurrence. Complaints must be in writing.
4. If the apprentice disagrees with the resolution of the complaint or wishes to contest the outcome of a disciplinary action by the program sponsor, the apprentice must file a written request for reconsideration with the program sponsor within 30 calendar days from the date the apprentice received written notice of action by the program sponsor.
5. The program sponsor must reply, in writing, to the request for reconsideration within 30 calendar days from the date the program sponsor receives the request. The program sponsor must send a copy of the written reply to the apprentice within the 30 calendar days.
6. If the apprentice disagrees with the program sponsor's decision, the apprentice may file an appeal with the Apprenticeship Program, (WAC 296-05-105). If the apprentice does not timely file an appeal, the decision of the program sponsor is final after 30 calendar days from the date the program sponsor mails the decision to the apprentice. See section "D" below.

### D. Apprentice Complaint Review/Appeals Procedures:

1. If the apprentice disagrees with the program sponsor's decision, the apprentice must submit a written appeal to L&I's apprenticeship section within 30 calendar days from the date the decision is mailed by the program sponsor. Appeals must describe the subject matter in detail and include a copy of the program sponsor's decision.
2. The L&I apprenticeship section will complete its investigation within 30 business days from the date the appeal is received and attempt to resolve the matter.
3. If the Apprenticeship section is unable to resolve the matter within 30 business days, the Apprenticeship section issues a written decision resolving the appeal.
4. If the apprentice or sponsor is dissatisfied with L&I's decision, either party may request the WSATC review the decision. Requests for review to the WSATC must be

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in writing. Requests for review must be filed within 30 calendar days from the date the decision is mailed to the parties.

5. The WSATC will conduct an informal hearing to consider the request for review.
6. The WSATC will issue a written decision resolving the request for review. All parties will receive a copy of the WSATC's written decision.

### **XI. SPONSOR – RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOVERNING STRUCTURE**

The following is an overview of the requirements associated with administering an apprenticeship program. These provisions are to be used with the corresponding RCW and/or WAC. The sponsor is the policymaking and administrative body responsible for the operation and success of this apprenticeship program. The sponsor may assign an administrator or a committee to be responsible for day-to-day operations of the apprenticeship program. Administrators and/or committee members must be knowledgeable in the process of apprenticeship and/or the application of chapter 49.04 RCW and chapter 296-05 WAC and these standards. If applicable, sponsors must develop procedures for:

#### A. Committee Operations (WAC 296-05-009): (Not applicable for Plant Programs)

Apprenticeship committees must be composed of an equal number of management and non-management representatives from a minimum of four to a maximum of twelve members. Committees must convene meetings at least three times per year attended by a quorum of committee members as defined in these approved standards.

#### B. Program Operations:

The sponsor will record and maintain records pertaining to the administration of the apprenticeship program and make them available to the WSATC or Department upon request. Records required by WAC 296-05-100 will be maintained for five (5) years; all other records will be maintained for three (3) years. Apprenticeship sponsors will submit required forms/reports to the Department of Labor and Industries through one of the two prescribed methods below:

Sponsors shall submit required forms/reports through assigned state apprenticeship consultant. Forms may be obtained through the programs assigned apprenticeship consultant.

Sponsors shall submit required reports through the Apprentice Registration and Tracking System (ARTS).

1. The following is a listing of forms/reports for the administration of apprenticeship programs and the time-frames in which they must be submitted:

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- a. Apprenticeship Agreements – within first 30 days of employment
  - b. Authorization of Signature forms - as necessary
  - c. Approved Training Agent Agreements– within 30 days of sponsor action
  - d. Minutes of Apprenticeship Committee Meetings – within 30 days of sponsor approval (not required for Plant program)
  - e. Request for Change of Status - Apprenticeship/Training Agreement and Training Agents forms – within 30 days of action by sponsor.
  - f. Journey Level Wage Rate – annually, or whenever changed as an addendum to section VII. Apprentice Wages and Wage Progression.
  - g. Related Supplemental Instruction (RSI) Hours Reports (Quarterly):
    - 1st quarter: January through March, due by April 10
    - 2nd quarter: April through June, due by July 10
    - 3rd quarter: July through September, due by October 10
    - 4th quarter: October through December, due by January 10
  - h. On-the-Job Work Hours Reports (bi-annual)
    - 1st half: January through June, by July 30
    - 2nd half: July through December, by January 31
2. The program sponsor will adopt, as necessary, local program rules or policies to administer the apprenticeship program in compliance with these standards. Requests for revision to these standards of apprenticeship must be submitted 45 calendar days prior to a quarterly WSATC meeting. The Department of Labor and Industries, Apprenticeship Section’s manager may administratively approve requests for revisions in the following areas of the standards:
- a. Program name
  - b. Sponsor’s introductory statement
  - c. Section III: Conduct of Program Under Washington Equal Employment Opportunity Plan
  - d. Section VII: Apprentice Wages and Wage Progression
  - e. Section IX: Related/Supplemental Instruction
  - f. Section XI: Sponsor – Responsibilities and Governing Structure
  - g. Section XII: Subcommittees
  - h. Section XIII: Training Director/Coordinator
3. The sponsor will utilize competent instructors as defined in WAC 296-05-003 for RSI. Furthermore, the sponsor will ensure each instructor has training in teaching techniques and adult learning styles, which may occur before or within one year after the apprenticeship instructor has started to provide instruction.

### C. Management of Apprentices:

1. Each apprentice (and, if under 18 years of age, the parent or guardian) will sign an apprenticeship agreement with the sponsor, who will then register the agreement with the Department before the apprentice attends RSI classes, or within the first 30 days of employment as an apprentice. For the purposes of industrial insurance coverage

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and prevailing wage exemption under RCW 39.12.021, the effective date of registration will be the date the agreement is received by the Department.

2. The sponsor must notify the Department within 30 days of all requests for disposition or modification to apprentice agreements, which may include:
  - a) Certificate of completion
  - b) Additional credit
  - c) Suspension (i.e. military service or other)
  - d) Reinstatement
  - e) Cancellation
  - f) Corrections
  - g) Step Upgrades
  - h) Probation Completion date
  - i) Other (i.e., name changes, address)
  - j) Training Agent Cancellation
3. The sponsor commits to rotate apprentices in the various processes of the skilled occupation to ensure the apprentice is trained to be a competent journey-level worker.
4. The sponsor shall periodically review and evaluate apprentices before advancement to the apprentice's next wage progression period. The evidence of such advancement will be the record of the apprentice's progress on the job and during related/supplemental instruction.
5. The sponsor has the obligation and responsibility to provide, insofar as possible, reasonably continuous employment for all apprentices in the program. The sponsor may arrange to transfer an apprentice from one training agent to another or to another program when the sponsor is unable to provide reasonably continuous employment, or they are unable to provide apprentices the diversity of experience necessary for training and experience in the various work processes as stated in these standards. The new training agent will assume all the terms and conditions of these standards. If, for any reason, a layoff of an apprentice occurs, the apprenticeship agreement will remain in effect unless canceled by the sponsor.
6. An apprentice who is unable to perform the on-the-job portion of apprenticeship training may, if the apprentice so requests and the sponsor approves, participate in related/supplemental instruction, subject to the apprentice obtaining and providing to the sponsor written requested document/s for such participation. However, time spent will not be applied toward the on-the-job portion of apprenticeship training.
7. The sponsor shall hear and decide all complaints of violations of apprenticeship agreements.
8. Upon successful completion of apprenticeship, as provided in these standards, and passing the examination that the sponsor may require, the sponsor will recommend



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the WSATC award a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship. The sponsor will make an official presentation to the apprentice who has successfully completed his/her term of apprenticeship.

### D. Training Agent Management:

1. The sponsor shall offer training opportunities for apprentices by ensuring reasonable and equal working and training conditions are applied uniformly to all apprentices. The sponsor shall provide training at an equivalent cost to that paid by other employers and apprentices participating in the program. The sponsor shall not require an employer to sign a collective bargaining agreement as a condition of participation.
2. The sponsor must determine whether an employer can adequately furnish proper on the job training to an apprentice in accordance with these standards. The sponsor must also require any employer requesting approved training status to complete an approved training agent agreement and to comply with all federal and state apprenticeship laws, and these standards.
3. The sponsor will submit training agent agreements to the Department with a copy of the agreement and/or the list of approved training agents within thirty calendar days from the effective date. Additionally, the sponsor must submit rescinded training agent agreements to the Department within thirty calendar days of said action.

### E. Committee governance (if applicable): (see WAC 296-05-009)

1. Apprenticeship committees shall elect a chairperson and a secretary who shall be from opposite interest groups, i.e., chairperson-employers; secretary-employees, or vice versa. If the committee does not indicate its definition of quorum, the interpretation will be "50% plus 1" of the approved committee members. The sponsor must also provide the following information:
  - a. **Quorum: A quorum shall be 50% of members with an equal number of employer and employee representation.**
  - b. Program type administered by the committee: **GROUP NON-JOINT**
  - c. The employer representatives shall be:

**Shannon Sam, Secretary  
Titus-Will Ford  
3606 South Sprague Ave.  
Tacoma, WA 98409**

**Pattie Graffe  
Pacific Grill  
1502 Pacific Ave.  
Tacoma, WA 98402**

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d. The employee representatives shall be:

**Christopher Seig, Chair  
Tacoma School District No 10  
601 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98401**

**Jeffery Klancke  
Tacoma School District No 10  
601 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98401**

F. Plant programs

For plant programs the WSATC or the Department designee will act as the apprentice representative. Plant programs shall designate an administrator(s) knowledgeable in the process of apprenticeship and/or the application of chapter 49.04 RCW and chapter 296-05 WAC and these standards.

The designated administrator(s) for this program is/are as follows:

N/A

**XII. SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Subcommittee(s) approved by the Department, represented equally from management and non-management, may also be established under these standards, and are subject to the main committee. All actions of the subcommittee(s) must be reviewed by the main committee. Subcommittees authorized to upgrade apprentices and/or conduct disciplinary actions must be structured according to the same requirements for main committees.

None

**XIII. TRAINING DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR:**

The sponsor may employ a person(s) as a full or part-time training coordinator(s)/ training director(s). This person(s) will assume responsibilities and authority for the operation of the program as are delegated by the sponsor.

**Jeffery Klancke  
601 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

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