



WASHINGTON STATE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

TITLE: Temporary Variance to Certify Electrical Trainees

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Effective January 19, 2017:

A temporary variance is granted to WAC 296-05-303(5)(f)* allowing Approved Training Agents of registered apprenticeship programs to certify hours for Limited Energy (06) trainees while also employing Limited Energy (06) registered apprentices for the following purpose. This variance shall expire December 31, 2017.

The purpose is to allow Limited Energy (06) trainees working for approved Training Agents, who will receive credit for previous unsupervised telecommunications work under 2014 legislation, a limited time to obtain the necessary minimum hours of work experience required to be eligible for the Limited Energy Electrical Examination, without having to join an apprenticeship program.

This variance does not allow the apprentice to work unsupervised, nor does it allow a Limited Energy (06) trainee to provide supervision for a Limited Energy (06) registered apprentice.

*WAC 296-05-303(5)(f)

Require all employers requesting "approved training agent" status to comply with a WSATC approved agreement and all federal and state apprenticeship rules and the appropriate apprenticeship standards. (The training agent shall employ only registered apprentices when training for a given occupation)