

MEMORANDUM

To: Apprenticeship Stakeholders
FROM: Department of Labor and Industries, Apprenticeship Section
DATE: June 19, 2020
SUBJECT: Youth in Registered Apprenticeship Boilerplate Standards

Please find attached the final draft of boilerplate apprenticeship standards for youth. These standards will be used to develop registered apprenticeship programs for youth (ages 16 and 17). Stakeholders from Department of Labor and Industries, Apprenticeship Section; Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction; State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Employment Security Department, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO and apprenticeship coordinators from various trades have worked over a year and half to pull together this boilerplate. These standards do not, in any way, minimize or negate existing critical elements. They, instead, put greater emphasis on elements such as safety, accessibility, articulation of credits, instructor skill, classroom methodology, compensation, and viable career pathways. These recommendations, in essence, intend to build more informed and career viable registered youth apprenticeship programs.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the RCW/WAC Sub-Committee scheduled for August 19, 2020 at 10:00 am. Please feel free to submit written comments to apprentice@lni.wa.gov if you are not able to attend the meeting in person. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim.Kaltenbaugh@lni.wa.gov