

The Electrical Standards Subcommittee report to WSATC October 2021

The subcommittee met on September 30th with stakeholders from apprenticeship programs representing existing SC members as well as those program sponsors who offer HVAC/R apprenticeships. After review and consideration of the amended Electrical MGS document, which is before the WSATC for consideration, the primary discussion of this meeting was centered around how existing programs tracked and processed affidavits for electrical licensing for their HVAC apprentices who wanted to sit for their 06A exam.

Apprenticeship Programs training in the HVAC occupations have concerns on what is required from Licensing to allow apprentices to sit for the 06A exam. The existing rules that govern eligibility are as follows:

- RCW 19.28.191 speaks to *“(C) Successfully completed an approved apprenticeship program under chapter [49.04](#) RCW for the applicant's specialty in the electrical construction trade.”*
- WAC 296-46B-945 speaks to *“(b) Or has completed an appropriate two-year apprenticeship program in the electrical construction trade that is registered with the state apprenticeship council while working under the direct supervision of an electrician in the appropriate specialty in the proper ratio”*

Ultimately, Apprenticeship Programs are looking for clear and consistent direction from the Licensing section as to what is required of their apprentices and their program staff for reporting hours/ information to sit for the 06A exam that is in alignment with the RCW and WAC stated above. It was discovered that some programs are tracking two separate logs of hours: General OJT and a log that is electrical specific OJT. Others are not requiring separate logs or specifically tracking electrical hours, yet they are signing electrical affidavits. As such, there appears to be different variations on the message that is being given to programs on exactly what the requirement is and they hope to receive a more consistent direction.

The group agreed that a special meeting with Licensing should be set up to gain clarity of what the expectation is of licensing for apprenticeship programs. The purpose of this meeting would be to create consistency and ensure alignment with the existing RCWs and WACs that govern both apprenticeship and licensing in terms of tracking and auditing hours for HVAC apprentices who wish to sit for their 06A exam.

Respectfully submitted by:
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