



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM STANDARDS
adopted by

JTEC INC. APPRENTICESHIP

(sponsor name)

Occupational Objective(s):

SOC#

Term [WAC 296-05-015]

TREE TRIMMER

37-3013.00

4000 HOURS



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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):

Recognizing the continuous advancements in the Tree Trimming Industry and the challenge to increase customer satisfaction, this program establishes the necessary training

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that leads the apprentice to the status of State Certified Journey Level worker in the specified occupations with the partnership and guidance of WSATC.

These Standards have been created in collaboration with JTEC INC. APPRENTICESHIP and the Department of Labor and Industries.

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 the Counties of: Pierce, King, Thurston and Kitsap

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

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

Age: **Must be at least eighteen (18) years old (provide copy of birth certificate or valid driver license).**

Education: **N/A**

Physical: **Applicants shall be physically capable of performing the essential functions of the work, with or without a reasonable accommodation, and without posing a direct threat to the health and safety of the individual or others.**

Testing: **N/A**

Other:

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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, 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:

**Not applicable to sponsors with fewer than five apprentices in a trade objective.
(WAC) 296-05-405(1)(a).**

B. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan:

**Not applicable to sponsors with fewer than five apprentices in a trade objective.
(WAC) 296-05-405(1)(a).**

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 term of apprenticeship for Tree Trimmer shall not be less than 4000 hours of reasonably continuous employment, including the initial probationary period.

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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)]:

- 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 during their initial probationary period.
- C. **All apprentices employed in accordance with the Standards shall be subject to an initial probationary period not exceeding the first 800 hours of employment as a registered apprentice.**

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

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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:

In order to assure adequate supervision of all apprentices, the following ratio will be observed: maximum of one (1) apprentice to one (1) journey-level worker per job site.

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 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.

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C. Tree Trimmer

Step	Hour Range or competency step	Percentage of journey-level wage rate*
1	0000 - 0500 hours	75%
2	0501 - 1000 hours	80%
3	1001 - 2000 hours	85%
4	2001 - 4000 hours	90%

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.

A. TREE TRIMMER:

Approximate Hours

1. Climbing.....775
(power and hand tools, pruning and trimming, crown reduction, tree removal and rigging)
2. Bucket Work.....775
(power and hand tools, pruning and trimming, crown reduction, tree removal and rigging)
3. Ground Work2450
(equipment operation and maintenance, hand tools and rigging, traffic control, bucket and falling)

Total Hours: 4000

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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)
ISA Tree Trimming DVDs

☒ Sponsor approved online or distance learning courses (specify)
ISA Student Study Guide

☐ State Community/Technical college

☐ Private Technical/Vocational college

☒ Sponsor Provided (lab/classroom)

☐ Other (specify):

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: **November** through **October**.

☐ Two-thousand hours of on the job training.

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

C. Additional Information:

None

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.
2. Advanced Standing or Credit: The Sponsor may provide 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:
 1. **A first step apprentice must work as a groundman. Schoolbooks and tuition must be paid for prior to attending class. No refund for books or tuition will be allowed by the Committee.**
 2. **Credit for Previous Training**

Previous experience will be evaluated and credit awarded by the Committee for advanced standing of a new apprentice in the following manner:

 - a. **New apprentices who have been registered apprentices in a like-program may transfer into this program at the same step, on the same Related Training schedule, and have all hours transferred accordingly. Records from previous apprenticeship program must be submitted.**

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- b. New apprentices who have not been registered in a like-program, yet who can show documentation of powerline tree trimming OJT hours may start per the following:**
 - (1) ≥ 500 hours: start at 2nd period with credit awarded for 500 ground hours; additional hours may be submitted for credit after a three-month evaluation of OJT experience.**
 - (2) < 500 hours: start at 1st period, with hours submitted credited toward 1st period ground hours.**
- c. New apprentices who provide documentation for tree trimming OJT experience, that is non-power line related, can receive credit upon entry into the program in the following manner:**
 - (1) 50% credit for aerial (bucket and climbing) experience, up to 1000 Ground hours; additional hours can be reviewed for credit after 3 months of OJT evaluation. (Ex: If 2000 hours of documented aerial experience are submitted, the applicant would receive credit for 1000 ground hours, and would start the apprenticeship at 2nd step.)**
 - (2) There will be no credit awarded for non-aerial, non-powerline hours.**
- d. Credit for documented Related Training will only be awarded if the apprentice has power line OJT, and shall be awarded in the following manner:**
 - (1) ≥ 2000 , hours may challenge 1st year Final in order to begin at 2nd year Related Training level;**
 - (2) < 2000 hours OJT, attend both years of Related Training**

3. Progress Reports

- a. Apprentices must complete a Progress Report on a monthly basis. Apprentice's report must be turned in no later than the 10th day of the month following the month for which the report is due (e.g., January's Progress Report is due by the 10th of February). Progress reports shall be submitted for months that an apprentice is not working. The apprentice shall write "Not working" on the form and mail to JTEC Inc.'s office. Faxed progress reports will not be accepted.**

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- b. Progress reports must be signed by the apprentice and the Crew Foreman or the General Foreman. In the event the General Foreman and Crew Foreman are unavailable, the apprentice shall submit the Progress Report as required; a copy will be returned to the apprentice for necessary signatures. Reported hours will be recorded, but not credited until signatures are received in the office.**

5. School & Work Attendance

- a. Every apprentice is required to complete training curriculum for a minimum of 144 hours of related training per school year. Apprentices are required to be on time for school and attend the entire day of school, tardiness or leaving early may be counted as an absence**
- b. Apprentices are expected to attend every session of school. Excused absences must be documented and may include job related work verified by your employer or employer representative and illness verified by a doctor. Documentation must be presented to the instructor or JTEC Inc.'s office.**
- c. Class work missed due to any type of absence shall be completed by the apprentice as directed by the instructor.**
- d. All apprentices are required to be punctual at work and school, and complete the yearly course curriculum with a minimum average of 80%.**
- e. All apprentices advancing from 3rd to 4th step must also receive a passing grade of 70% on the applicable Pesticide Certification test, as noted by the area of initial dispatch. Prior to completion of the program, all apprentices must have obtained the proper applicator license as dictated by the area of initial dispatch.**

6. Proper Dress

- a. Apparel ornaments, or jewelry that could be cause for a hazardous working condition shall not be worn during working hours.**
- b. Apprentices will dress for work and school in an appropriate and professional manner.**

7. Dispute Resolution Procedure

- a. An apprentice who has a dispute with the Committee over a non-disciplinary matter must proceed as follows:**

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- (1) Reduce the grievance/concern to writing and submit it to the apprenticeship office no later than ten (10) calendar days before the next scheduled Committee meeting date for placement on the agenda.**

Office Address:

**ATTN: JTEC Inc. Apprenticeship Committee
13121 112th Ave E
Puyallup, Wa 98374**

- (2) Attend the meeting and attempt to resolve the dispute.**
- (3) The outcome will be communicated in writing to the apprentice and/or employer within (5) calendar days of the Committee meeting.**

- b. Appeals to decisions made by the Committee must be made in writing, by the apprentice or employer involved, no later than (10) days before the next scheduled meeting Committee meeting.**

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13121 112th Ave E
Puyallup, Wa 98374**

- c. Appeals to decisions made by the Committee may be made in writing to the Washington Department of Labor and Industries, Apprenticeship Section, PO Box 44530, Olympia, WA 98504-4530.**
- d. Applicants or apprentices who feel that they have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, nation origin, or sex with regard to apprenticeship, or that the equal opportunity standards with respect to his or her selection have not been followed may follow the procedures outlined in WAC 296-05-443.**

B. Disciplinary Procedures

- 1. The obligations of the Sponsor when taking disciplinary action are as follows:**
 - 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**

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- 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. Failure to have progress reports in on time shall be cause for the following action:
 - i. 1st late Progress Report per Step of Advancement: Hours will be recorded and credit awarded; apprentice will be notified by mail that further late reports will not receive credit.
 - ii. 3rd late Progress Report per Step of Advancement: the apprentice will be scheduled to appear before the Committee to show cause why his/her agreement should not be canceled.
 - B. Non-excused class absences are not tolerated.
 - i. For the first non-excused absence, the apprentice shall be subject to a 30-day hold on advancement.
 - ii. For the second non-excused absence, the apprentice will receive an additional 30-day hold on advancement, and be scheduled to

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appear before the Committee at their next scheduled meeting and may result in further disciplinary action.

C. Cancellation

- i. Cancellation of the Apprenticeship Agreement may occur at the request of the apprentice at any time.**
- ii. Cancellation by the Committee can occur without a defined reason during an apprentice's initial probationary period.**
- iii. Cancellation by the Committee after an apprentice's probationary period must be for cause with a reasonable opportunity for correction. Apprenticeship agreements can be canceled for such causes as:**
 - (1) Failure to maintain employment with JTEC Inc.**
 - (2) Violations of these standards, or refusal to sign required paperwork.**
 - (3) Not accepting a job assignment or transfer.**
 - (4) Documented lateness or absenteeism for RSI.**
 - (5) Documented lateness or absenteeism for OJT.**
 - (6) Documented lack of satisfactory job performance.**
 - (7) Using alcohol or controlled substances on school property or job site**
- iv. An apprentice that has had their apprenticeship agreement cancelled for disciplinary reason may not reapply for a period of one (1) year from the date of their cancellation.**

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.

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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 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

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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.

Or;

Sponsors shall submit required forms/reports through the Apprentice Registration and Tracking System (ARTS), accessed through Secure Access Washington (SAW).

Paper forms as well as ARTS external access forms are available from the sponsor's assigned apprenticeship consultant or online at:

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Apprenticeship/FormPub/default.asp>.

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:
 - 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

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- 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 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 and/or
 - f) Corrections
 - g) Step Upgrades
 - h) Probation Completion date
 - i) Other (i.e., name changes, address)

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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 any requested documentation 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 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.

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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 consist of one employer and one employee committee member provided that they are at a regularly scheduled meeting**
- b. Program type administered by the committee: **Individual Non-Joint**
- c. The employer representatives shall be:

**Joaquin Quezada, Chairman
President JTEC Inc.
13121 112th Ave E
Puyallup, WA 98374**

**Kristi Quezada
Vice President JTEC Inc.
13121 112th Ave E
Puyallup, WA 98374**

- d. The employee representatives shall be:

**Douglas Bishop, Secretary
Estimator
PO Box 1575
Orting, WA 98360**

**Jason Torti
Journey Trimmer
13121 112th Ave E
Puyallup, WA 98374**

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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:

None

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.

**Kristi Quezada
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