



**APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM STANDARDS**  
adopted by

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES TRADES**  
**APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

(sponsor name)

<u>Occupational Objective(s):</u>	<u>SOC#</u>	<u>Term [WAC 296-05-015]</u>
<b>MAINTENANCE CARPENTER</b>	<b>47-2031.01</b>	<b>8,000 HOURS</b>
<b>PAINTER</b>	<b>47-2141.00</b>	<b>6,000 HOURS</b>
<b>PLUMBER</b>	<b>47-2152.02</b>	<b>10,000 HOURS</b>



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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 technologies and the challenge to increase building efficiency, this program establishes the necessary training that leads the successful**

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**apprentice to the status of State Certified Journey Level worker in the specified occupations.**

**These Standards are developed in partnership with Department of Social & Health Services Trades Apprenticeship Program 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.

**Department of Social & Health Service facilities located in Spokane County and Pierce County.**

**II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

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

Age: **18 years of age.**

Education: **High School diploma or equivalent.**

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: **Must possess a valid Washington State Driver's License.**

**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

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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:

**Exempt by reason of selection through the State's Civil Service System WAC 296-05-405(1)(b)(iv)**

B. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan:

**Exempt by reason of selection through the State's Civil Service System WAC 296-05-405(1)(b)(iv)**

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].

**Maintenance Carpenter**

**The term of apprenticeship for Maintenance Carpenter apprenticeship shall be 8,000 hours of reasonably continuous employment.**

**Painter**

**The term of apprenticeship for Painter apprenticeship shall be 6,000 hours of reasonably continuous employment.**

**Plumber**

**The term of apprenticeship for Plumber apprenticeship shall be 10,000 hours of reasonably continuous employment.**

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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 in their initial probationary period.
- C. **The initial probation period for Plumber is the first 6 months of the apprenticeship.**

**The initial probation period for Maintenance Carpenter is the first 6 months of the apprenticeship.**

**The initial probation period for Painter is the first 6 months of the apprenticeship.**

**For all other probationary period regulations see ARTICLE 4.6 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between WFSE and State of Washington.**

**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:

**There shall not be more than one (1) apprentice to one (1) journey-level worker in each apprentice occupation per jobsite.**

**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. Wage Progression Schedules

**Maintenance Carpenter**

Step	Hour Range or competency step	Percentage of journey-level wage rate*
<b>1</b>	<b>0 – 6 Months</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>7 – 12 Months</b>	<b>82.50%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>13 – 18 Months</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>19 – 24 Months</b>	<b>87.50%</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>25 - 30 Months</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>31 - 36 Months</b>	<b>92.50%</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>37 - 42 Months</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>43 - 48 Months</b>	<b>97.5%</b>

**Painter**

Step	Hour Range or competency step	Percentage of journey-level wage rate*
<b>1</b>	<b>0 – 12 Months</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>13 – 24 Months</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>25 – 36 Months</b>	<b>90%</b>

**Plumber**

Step	Hour Range or competency step	Percentage of journey-level wage rate*
<b>1</b>	<b>0-12 Months</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>13-24 Months</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>25-36 Months</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>37-48 Months</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>49-60 Months</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**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.

<b>A. <u>Maintenance Carpenter</u></b>	<b><u>Approximate Hours/Competency Level</u></b>
<b>1. Framing Layout .....</b>	<b>2000</b>
a. Floor and Sill Framing	
b. Wall partition Framing	
c. Roof Framing	
d. Joists and laminations	
e. Lines and levels	
f. Light Horizontal Framing	
g. Structural Timber Construction	
h. Decking and Sheathing	
i. Trusses	
j. Sub-flooring	
k. Backing and cutting	
l. Estimating lumber quantities	
<b>2. Exterior Finishes .....</b>	<b>1000</b>
a. Wall Covering and Trim	
b. Weather Stripping and Caulking	
c. Door and Window Frames	
d. Frame setting and sash framing	
e. Stair building and layout	
f. Fit and sand doors and windows	
g. Gutter	
h. Shakes	
<b>3. Interior finish .....</b>	<b>2000</b>
a. Drywall	
b. Cabinet, Fixture Installation and Shelving	
c. Frame machining, assembly	
d. Application of door and window trim	
e. Fit and sand doors and windows	
f. Application of baseboards and moldings	
g. Construction and setting cases, wardrobes stair work flooring	
h. Paneling Systems, Furring, Soffit and Ceiling	
i. Floor laying and preparation	
j. Incidental machine work saw, jointer and router	



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<b>4. Forms Work .....</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>a. Site Preparation and Layout</b>	
<b>b. Introduction to Forming and Reinforcing Steel</b>	
<b>c. Estimating</b>	
<b>d. Footing</b>	
<b>e. Wall Forms</b>	
<b>f. Edge Forms on Grade</b>	
<b>g. On-Grade Curb Forms</b>	
<b>h. Vertical Piers and Columns</b>	
<b>i. Horizontal Beam forms</b>	
<b>j. Above-Grade Floor Slab Forms</b>	
<b>k. Slab-on-Grade/Edge Forms</b>	
<b>l. Fireproof Encasement Forms</b>	
<b>m. Stair Forms</b>	
<b>n. Bridge Deck Forms</b>	
<b>o. Tilt-Up and Pre-Cast Construction</b>	
<b>p. Scaffolding</b>	
<b>q. Cutting and Burning</b>	
<b>r. Installation, assembly, adjustment, door, lock repair replace/installation</b>	
<b>5. Tile board, color tile, insulation board, plaster board.....</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>6. Window and plexy glass replacement .....</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>7. Blue Print Understanding .....</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>8. Miscellaneous.....</b>	<b>200</b>

**Total Hours: 8000**

<b>B. <u>Painter</u></b>	<b><u>Approximate Hours/Competency Level</u></b>
<b>1. Preparation of surfaces (architectural).....</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>2. Operation and care of tools and equipment .....</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>3. Materials used in painting and decorating (architectural) .....</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>4. Application (architectural).....</b>	<b>1600</b>
<b>5. Wall covering preparation and application.....</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>6. Color matching and mixing .....</b>	<b>200</b>

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7. Special decorative.....	200
8. Rigging (ladders scaffolding, Boom truck or Scissor lift) .....	300
9. Metal preparation (pressure blast, grinding).....	200
10. Striping parking lots .....	100
11. Spray painting, airless and spray booth.....	700
12. Miscellaneous .....	700

**Total Hours: 6000**

**C. Plumber**

**Approximate Hours/Competency Level**

<b>1. Maintenance and repair .....</b>	<b>3500</b>
a. Domestic hot water systems	
b. Domestic cold water systems	
c. Soil and waste systems	
d. Gas piping and equipment	
e. Sewage disposal system	
f. Plumbing fixtures	
g. Water services and meters	
h. Backflow assemblies	
i. Sewer mains, grease traps/interceptors	
j. Storm water drainage	
<b>2. Installation.....</b>	<b>3500</b>
a. Domestic hot water systems	
b. Domestic cold water systems	
c. Soil and waste systems	
d. Gas piping and equipment	
e. Sewage disposal systems	
f. Plumbing fixtures	
g. Water services and meters	
h. Backflow assemblies	
i. Sewer mains, grease traps/ interceptors	
j. Storm water drainage	
k. The installation and repair of the following types of piping including all joining methods, configurations, and sizes thereof:	
(1) All plastics including fiberglass and epoxies	
(2) Fibrous pipe	
(3) Copper and brass	

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**(4) Cast iron and steel**

- 1. The installation of all piping, equipment and materials commonly used in connection with the trade within the building as allowed by Washington State Certification for PL01 Plumbers.**
  
- 3. Use of tools and materials.....1000**
  - a. Testing equipment**
  - b. Use and of tools and equipment**
  - c. Job orders, plans and blueprints**
  - d. Safety measures and first-aid**
  - e. Knowledge and use of materials**
  - f. Size and capacity of pipe**
  
- 4. Operational skills.....2000**
  - a. Lead fabrication**
  - b. Welding connected with the trade (soldering, brazing, etc)**
  - c. The installation of all piping, equipment and materials commonly used in connection with the trade and under its jurisdiction.**

**Total Hours: 10,000**

**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

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Sponsor approved training seminars (specify)

**Would include, but are not limited to:**

- OSHA 10
- CPR/First Aid
- CITC Plumbing Continuing Education courses as approved by the Plumbing Licensing Department of L&I

Sponsor approved online or distance learning courses (specify)

State Community/Technical college

Private Technical/Vocational college

Sponsor Provided (lab/classroom)

Other (specify): **CITC**

B. **(See Below)** 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: **(September)** through **(August)**.

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:

**Painter: 160 Minimum RSI hours per year.**

**Maintenance Carpenter: 160 Minimum RS hours per year.**

**Plumber: 216 Minimum RSI hours per year.**

**Safety: The Apprenticeship Committee shall provide a four (4) hour CPR and a four (4) hour First Aid class in every year of the apprenticeship.**

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**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 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:

**All Committee members shall be actively participating in the industry as an employer, supervisor, or employee.**

**During the initial probationary period the Committee shall make a thorough review of the apprentice's ability and development prior to the end of the first 6 months of employment for all occupations listed on these standards.**

**Plumbing Apprentice shall maintain a valid and applicable Plumbing Trainee Card throughout the term of the apprenticeship.**

**Plumbing apprentices shall sit and pass state exam as a condition of completion of term of apprenticeship.**

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 reason(s) supporting the sponsor's proposed action(s) must be sent in writing to the apprentice.

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- 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:

**The employer will not discipline any permanent employee without just cause. Discipline includes oral and written reprimands, reductions in pay, suspensions, demotions, and cancellations. Oral reprimands will be identified as such. When discipline and employee, the employer will make a reasonable effort to protect the privacy of the employee. For all other discipline regulations see ARTICLE 27 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between WFSE and the State of Washington.**

**Plumbing Apprentice; failure to maintain a valid and applicable Plumbing Trainee Card throughout the term of the apprenticeship may result in disciplinary procedures.**

**All other disciplinary action procedures are as follows:**

***1st infraction:* A written warning.**

***2nd infraction:* Appearance before the Apprenticeship Committee by his/her apprenticeship agreement should not be canceled or whatever other action is being contemplated by the Apprenticeship Committee.**

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***3rd infraction: Cause for cancellation of the apprenticeship agreement.***

**Two (2) tardies to class is equal to one (1) absence.**

**Excused absences may be allowed for:**

***Illness of apprentice***

***Trips and/or vacations. (By prior approval of the Apprenticeship Committee)***

***Death in immediate family***

***Any other absence previously approved by the direct supervisor.***

**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.

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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 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:



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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:
  - 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

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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
  - 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.

