



# Registered Apprenticeship Standards

## For Programs with Collective Bargaining Agreements

- ☐ National Program Standards    ☒ National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards  
☐ Local Apprenticeship Standards

### ***Electrician JATC, Mason City***

*1695 Burton Ave.,*

*Waterloo, IA 50703*

**Occupation: All Occupations Listed in These Standards**

**O\*NET-SOC Codes: *See Appendix A*    RAPIDS Codes: *See Appendix A***

Developed in Cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor  
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## SECTION I – STANDARDS OF APPRENTICESHIP 29 CFR § 29.5

- A. Responsibilities of the sponsor:** Electrician JATC, Mason City must conduct, operate, and administer this program in accordance with all applicable provisions of Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 29, subpart A and part 30, and all relevant guidance issued by the Office of Apprenticeship (OA). The sponsor must fully comply with the requirements and responsibilities listed below and with the requirements outlined in the document “Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors Reference Guide.”

**Sponsors shall:**

- Ensure adequate and safe equipment and facilities for training and supervision and provide safety training for apprentices on-the-job and in related instruction.
- Ensure there are qualified training personnel and adequate supervision on the job.
- Ensure that all apprentices are under written apprenticeship agreements incorporating, directly or by reference, these Standards and the document “Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors,” and that meets the requirements of 29 CFR § 29.7. Sponsors may utilize Form ETA 671 for this purpose and is available upon logging into RAPIDS.
- Register all apprenticeship Standards with the U.S. Department of Labor, including local variations, if applicable.
- Submit apprenticeship agreements within 45 days of enrollment of apprentices.
- Arrange for periodic evaluation of apprentices’ progress in skills and technical knowledge and maintain appropriate progress records.
- Notify the U.S. Department of Labor within 45 days of all suspensions for any reason, reinstatements, extensions, transfers, completions and cancellations with explanation of causes. Notification may be made in RAPIDS or using the contact information in Section K.
- Make a good faith effort to obtain approval for educational assistance for a veteran or other individual eligible under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code, and will not deny the application of a qualified candidate who is a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance described in the above for the purpose of avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain approval.
- Provide each apprentice with a copy of these Standards, Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors Reference Guide, Appendix A, and any applicable written rules and policies, and require apprentices to sign an acknowledgment of their receipt. If the sponsor alters these Standards or any Appendices to reflect changes it has made to the apprenticeship program, the sponsor will obtain



approval of all modifications from the Registration Agency, then provide apprentices a copy of the updated Standards and Appendices and obtain another acknowledgment of their receipt from each apprentice.

- Adhere to Federal, State, and Local Law Requirements -- The Office of Apprenticeship's registration of the apprenticeship program described in these Standards of Apprenticeship on either a nationwide basis (under the National Program Standards of Apprenticeship) or within a particular State, and the registration of individual apprentices under the same program, does not exempt the program sponsor, and/or any employer(s) participating in the program, and/or the individual apprentices registered under the program from abiding by any applicable Federal, State, and local laws or regulations relevant to the occupation covered by these Standards, including those pertaining to occupational licensing requirements and minimum wage and hour requirements.

The program's Standards of Apprenticeship must also conform in all respects with any such applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Any failure by the program to satisfy this requirement may result in the initiation of deregistration proceedings for reasonable cause by the Office of Apprenticeship under 29 CFR § 29.8.

#### **B. Minimum Qualifications - 29 CFR §29.5(b)(10)**

An apprentice must be at least 18 years of age, except where a higher age is required by law, and must be employed to learn an apprenticeable occupation. Please include any additional qualification requirements as appropriate (optional):

☒ There is an educational requirement of (i) a high school diploma, or (ii) a Certificate of High School Equivalency or GED, or (iii) a two-year Associate Degree (or its equivalent) or higher. (If equivalent education was obtained outside of the United States, the applicant will be required to provide appropriate documentation); and (i) completion of one full year of high school algebra (or its equivalent) with a passing grade, or (ii) completion of one semester of post high school algebra (e.g., Adult Education, Continuing Education, Community College, etc.) with a passing grade; or (iii) completion of the electrical training ALLIANCE online Tech Math Course.

☒ There is a physical requirement of climb and work from ladders, scaffolds, poles, and towers of various heights, push, pull, crawl, crouch, and work in confined spaces such as attics, manholes, and crawlspaces, lift 25–50-pound objects on a fairly consistent schedule, and use various hand and power-assisted tools to install conduit, wiring, fixtures, devices, and electrical apparatus within commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.

☒ The following aptitude test will be administered the electrical training ALLIANCE's Aptitude Test validated by the American Institute for Research. Applicants who do not qualify for Direct Interview or Direct Entry must have a minimum score of 4 to qualify and be eligible for interview (Recommended passing score is "4"). Applicants who qualify for Direct Interview or Direct Entry, and who are subsequently registered in the program, will be required to take the Aptitude Test, either before or after registration, to assist in placement and identify areas where they may require additional support.

☒ A valid driver's license is required.

☒ Other Except as provided for those eligible for Direct Interview (if applicable) or Direct Entry, each applicant must meet the following minimum qualifications as well as those listed above and will be required to provide evidence satisfactory to the IATC at the time indicated in the Selection Procedures.

Each applicant must be able to work legally in the United States and provide a valid social



security number. The JATC will not seek to verify authorization to work in the U.S. since that is the responsibility of the Employers during on-the-job training, but if the JATC learns that an applicant is not eligible to work and will not be eligible at the time of registration, the JATC may terminate the application.

Each applicant must be capable of completing all requirements of the apprenticeship program and performing the work required of an electrical worker, with or without reasonable accommodations, including being able and willing to: Safely perform or learn to safely perform the essential functions of the job; Get to and from work at job sites anywhere within the geographical jurisdiction of this Apprenticeship Program. Attend and successfully pass all related instruction; Understand and follow all JATC Rules and Policies; Read, hear, speak, and understand instructions and warnings in English.

*(List all other requirements)*

**C. Apprenticeship Approach and Term - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(2)**

The apprenticeship program(s) will select an apprenticeship training approach. The approach is notated in Appendix A, APPRENTICESHIP APPROACH.

**D. Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(4)**

Every apprentice is required to participate in related instruction in technical subjects related to the occupation. Apprentices ☐ will ☒ will not (*choose one*) be paid for hours spent attending related instruction classes. The Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline are outlined in Appendix A.

**E. Credit for Previous Experience - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(12)**

Apprentice applicants seeking credit for previous experience gained outside the apprenticeship program must furnish such transcripts, records, affidavits, etc. that may be appropriate to substantiate the claim. Electrician JATC, Mason City will evaluate the request for credit and make a determination during the apprentice's probationary period.

Additional requirements for an apprentice to receive credit for previous experience (optional): are in Appendix A., CREDIT FOR ON-THE-JOB SKILL ACQUISITION AND PREVIOUS RELATED TRAINING

**F. Probationary Period - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(8) and (20)**

Every applicant selected for apprenticeship will serve a probationary period, which may not exceed 25 percent of the length of the program, or 1 year whichever is shorter. The probationary period is notated in Appendix A, PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

**G. Ratio of Apprentices to Journeyworkers - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(7)**

Every apprenticeship program is required to provide an apprenticeship ratio of apprentices to journeyworkers for adequate supervision. The ratio is notated in Appendix A, RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEYWORKERS.

**H. Apprentice Wage Schedule - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(5)**

Apprentices must be paid a progressively increasing schedule of wages based on either a percentage or a dollar amount of the current hourly journeyworker wage rate. The progressive wage schedule is notated in Appendix A, APPRENTICE WAGE SCHEDULE.

**I. Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action**

**1. Equal Opportunity Pledge - 29 CFR §§ 29.5(b)(21) and 30.3(c)(1)**

Electrician JATC, Mason City will not



discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40-years old or older.

**Electrician JATC, Mason City** will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.

[Optional] The equal opportunity pledge applies to the following additional protected bases (as applicable per the sponsor's state or locality):

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**2. Affirmative Action Program - 29 CFR §§ 29.5(b)(21), 30.4-30.9**

**Electrician JATC, Mason City** acknowledges that it will adopt an affirmative action plan in accordance with Title 29 CFR §§ 30.4-30.9 (required for sponsors with five or more registered apprentices by two years from the date of the sponsor's registration or by two years from the date of registration of the program's fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) apprentice). Information and technical assistance materials relating to the creation and maintenance of an affirmative action plan will be made available on the Office of Apprenticeship's website.

**3. Selection Procedures - 29 CFR § 30.10**

Every sponsor will adopt selection procedures for their apprenticeship programs, consistent with the requirements set forth in 29 CFR § 30.10(b). The selection procedures for each occupation for which the sponsor intends to train apprentices are notated in Appendix A, SELECTION PROCEDURES.

**J. Complaint Procedures - 29 CFR §§ 29.5(b)(22), 29.7(k), 29.12, and 29 CFR § 30.14**

If an applicant or an apprentice believes an issue exists that adversely affects the apprentice's participation in the apprenticeship program or violates the provisions of the apprenticeship agreement or Standards, the applicant or apprentice may seek relief. Nothing in these complaint procedures precludes an apprentice from pursuing any other remedy authorized under another Federal, State, or local law. Below are the methods by which apprentices may send a complaint:

For all issues covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), apprentices must seek resolution through the applicable procedures contained in the CBA. (*if applicable, see Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors Reference Guide*)

- 1. Complaints regarding discrimination.** Complaints must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and signature, the identity of the respondent, and a short description of the actions believed to be discriminatory, including the time and place. Generally, a complaint must be filed within **300** days of the alleged discrimination. Complaints of discrimination should be directed to the following contact:

***U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship***

***200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC, 20210***

***Telephone Number: (202) 693-2796***

***Email: Address: ApprenticeshipEEOcomplaints@dol.gov***

***Point of Contact: Director, Division of Standards and Quality***

***Attn: Apprenticeship EEO Complaints***





You may also be able to file complaints directly with the EEOC, or State fair employment practices agency.

- 2. Other General Complaints.** The sponsor will hear and attempt to resolve the matter locally if written notification from the apprentice is received within 15 days of the alleged violation(s). The sponsor will make such rulings as it deems necessary in each individual case within 30 days of receiving the written notification: *(To be completed by Sponsor)*

Name: Christina Henzen

Address: 1695 Burton Avenue, Waterloo, IA 50703

Telephone Number: 319-232-5374

Email Address: apprenticeship@ibew288.org

Any complaint described that cannot be resolved by the program sponsor to the satisfaction of all parties may be submitted to the Registration Agency provided below in Section K.

#### **K. Registration Agency General Contact Information 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(17)**

The Registration Agency is the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship. General inquiries, notifications and requests for technical assistance may be submitted to the Registration Agency using the contact information below: *(To be completed by the Registration Agency)*

Name: Todd Oesterle

Address: 600 S Pierce Avenue

Mason City, IA 50401

Telephone Number: 515-512-2901

Email Address: todd.oesterle@iwd.iowa.gov

#### **L. Reciprocity of Apprenticeship Programs 29 CFR § 29.13(b)(7)**

States must accord reciprocal approval for Federal purposes to apprentices, apprenticeship programs and standards that are registered in other States by the Office of Apprenticeship or a Registration Agency if such reciprocity is requested by the apprenticeship program sponsor.

Program sponsors seeking reciprocal approval must meet the wage and hour provisions and apprentice ratio standards of the reciprocal State.

### **SECTION II - APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS**

- ☒ **Appendix A** – *Work Process Schedule, Related Instruction Outline, Apprentice Wage Schedule, Ratio of Apprentices to Journeyworkers, Type of Occupation, Term of Apprenticeship, Selection Procedures, and Probationary Period*
- ☒ **Appendix B** – *ETA 671 - Apprenticeship Agreement and Application for Certification of Completion of Apprenticeship (To be completed after registration)*
- ☒ **Appendix C** – *Affirmative Action Plan (Required within two years of registration unless otherwise exempt per 29 CFR §30.4(d))*
- ☒ **Appendix D** – *Employer Acceptance Agreement (For programs with multiple-employers only)*
- ☒ **Appendix E** – *Administration of the Apprenticeship and Training Program*
- ☒ **Appendix F** – *EEO Policies and Procedures*
- ☒ **Appendix G** – *Supplemental Definitions*



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### **SECTION III - VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS MANDATED BY PUBLIC LAW 116-134 (134 STAT. 276)**

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Pursuant to section 2(b)(1) of the Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116-134, 134 Stat. 276), by signing these program Standards the program sponsor official whose name is subscribed below assures and acknowledges to the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship the following regarding certain G.I. Bill and other VA-administered educational assistance referenced below (and described in greater detail at the VA's website at: <https://www.va.gov/education/eligibility>) for which current apprentices and/or apprenticeship program candidates may be eligible:

- (1) The program sponsor is aware of the availability of educational assistance for a veteran or other eligible individual under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code, for use in connection with a registered apprenticeship program;
- (2) The program sponsor will make a good faith effort to obtain approval for educational assistance described in paragraph (1) above for, at a minimum, each program location that employs or recruits an veteran or other eligible individual for educational assistance under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code; and
- (3) The program sponsor will not deny the application of a qualified candidate who is a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance described in paragraph (1) above for the purpose of avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain approval as described in paragraph (2) above.

**NOTE:** The aforementioned requirements of Public Law 116-134 shall apply to "any program applying to become a registered apprenticeship program on or after the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act" (i.e., September 22, 2020). Accordingly, apprenticeship programs that were registered by a Registration Agency before September 22, 2020, are not subject to these requirements.



## SECTION IV PART 1 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROVISIONS

The employer or employer association must furnish to any union that is a collective bargaining agent of the employees to be trained a copy its application for registration and of these Standards, including all attachments.

The **National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)** hereby adopt these Standards of apprenticeship on this 15th day of May 2024.

*Signature of Manaaement (designee)*

**David Long, CEO, NECA**

*Signature of Labor (designee)*

**Kenneth W. Cooper, President, IBEW**

## SECTION IV PART 2 – SIGNATURES

### OFFICIAL ADOPTION OF APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS

The undersigned sponsor hereby subscribes to the provisions of the foregoing Apprenticeship Standards formulated and registered by **Electrician JATC, Mason City**, on this 20 day of June 2025

The signatories acknowledge that they have read and understand the document titled “Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors Reference Guide” and that the provisions of that document are incorporated into this agreement by reference unless otherwise noted.

DocuSigned by:

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**Signature of Sponsor (designee)**

Chris Reiter

**Printed Name**

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**Signature of Sponsor (designee)**

Chuck Kacher

**Printed Name**





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**SECTION V - DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT—FOR NATIONAL PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LOCAL STANDARDS ONLY** *(Optional)*

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OA routinely makes public general information relating to Registered Apprenticeship programs. General information includes the name and contact information of the sponsor, the location of the program, and the occupation(s) offered. **OA routinely publicly releases the contents of applications for National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards.**

In addition, sponsors submitting National Program Standards or Local Standards have the option of allowing OA to share publicly the contents of a sponsor's application for registration to assist in building a high-quality National Apprenticeship System. This may include a copy of the Standards, Appendix A, and Appendix D (as applicable), but not completed versions of ETA Form 671 or Appendix C "Affirmative Action Plan" because those documents are submitted after a sponsor's application is approved and the program is registered. **Please note that OA will consider a sponsor's application as releasable to the public unless the sponsor requests non-disclosure by signing below.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*Sponsor Representative*), acting on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (*Sponsor*) request that OA not publicly disclose this application, other than general information about the program, as described above as it is considered confidential commercial information and steps are taken to preserve it. Further, I understand that if OA receives a request for this application pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552, we may be contacted to support OA's withholding of the information, including in litigation, if necessary. I understand that my request that OA not publicly disclose this application will remain in effect, including with respect to subsequent amendments to this application, unless and until I notify OA otherwise.

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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*Printed Name*



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# **Appendix A**

## **WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE**

### **AND**

## **RELATED INSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

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## Appendix A

### WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE

#### ELECTRICIAN (Alternate Title : Interior Electrician)

**O\*NET-SOC CODE: 47-2111.00    RAPIDS CODE: 0159**

This schedule is attached to and a part of these Standards for the above identified occupation.

#### 1. APPRENTICESHIP APPROACH

☒ Time-based                      ☐ Competency-based                      ☐ Hybrid

#### 2. TERM OF APPRENTICESHIP

The term of the apprenticeship is with an OJL attainment of 8000 *hours*, supplemented by the minimum required 720 hours of related instruction. The JATC shall require each apprentice to satisfactorily complete the *electrical training ALLIANCE* assigned Inside Wireman Apprenticeship Course Material.

#### 3. RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEYWORKERS

The numeric ratio of apprentices to Journeyworkers, consistent with proper supervision, training, safety, and continuity of employment, shall be as specified in CBAs applicable to these Standards and must be expressed numerically. The ratio for the Electrician JATC, Mason City as per the CBA is 3 Apprentices to 1 Journeyworker.

#### 4. APPRENTICE WAGE SCHEDULE

##### **Mason City Program**

Apprentices shall be paid a progressively increasing schedule of wages based on either a percentage or a dollar amount of the current hourly journeyworker wage rate, which is \$36.20.

Period	Percent of JW Rate	Minimum Accumulative OJT Hours	+	Related Training
1	50%	0	+	N/A
2	55%	1000	+	Satisfactory Progress
3	60%	2000	+	180 hours Related Instruction
4	65%	3500	+	360 hours Related Instruction
5	75%	5000	+	540 hours Related Instruction
6	85%	6500	+	Satisfactory Progress
Completion	100%	8000	+	720 hours Related Instruction Completed



## **5. PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

Completion of these minimum hours and satisfactory performance in related classroom training during such time shall constitute the probationary period (25% of length of program or one year whichever is shorter). During the probationary period, the JATC shall make a thorough review of the apprentice's ability and development. Prior to the end of the probationary period, the JATC will decide whether to end the probation, extend the probation or cancel the Apprenticeship Agreement. If the Registration Agency requires, the Registration Agency shall be notified of cancellations or extensions. During the probationary period, the JATC may extend the probation up to the maximum, or cancel the apprenticeship agreement, without the formality of a hearing and at the discretion of the JATC, so long as the JATC is acting in a non-discriminatory manner. Apprentices whose agreements are cancelled during the probationary period have no appeal rights other than those provided in the EEO/AA Plan.

## **6. SELECTION PROCEDURES**

Please see page A-10.



## Appendix A

### WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE

#### ELECTRICIAN (Alternate Title : Interior Electrician)

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In order to provide for the development of the necessary occupational skills in the various work processes, the JATC shall attempt to provide the apprentice with OJT in the following categories, as job training assignments permit. These estimates are not minimum requirements for proficiency. Some job assignments may relate to more than one work process.

The below approximate hours are for illustration only and are not an industry recommendation.

Electrician (Alternate Title: Interior Electrician), Inside Wiremen	
<b>Job Description:</b> Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.	
<b>RAPIDS Code:</b> 0159	<b>O*NET Code:</b> 47-2111.00
<b>Estimated Program Length:</b> 8000 Hours	
<b>Apprenticeship Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Competency-Based <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time-Based <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid	

<b>Project Layout &amp; Planning</b>	Approximate Hours
Reading and Interpreting blueprints and specifications; Coordination between crafts, engineers, and architects; Layout feeders, risers, and branch circuits	200

<b>Underground Installations</b>	Approximate Hours
Trenching and ditch digging; Direct burial; Installing PVC/Rigid conduit; Installing grounding electrode systems	300

<b>Thinwall Conduit Raceway Systems</b>	Approximate Hours
Fastening and supporting devices; Conduit fabrication; Installation of conduit, fittings, and boxes	1200

<b>Rigid Conduit Raceway Systems</b>	Approximate Hours
A Fastening and supporting devices; Bender setup; Conduit fabrication; Installation of conduit, fittings, and boxes	800

<b>Installing Services, Switchboards, and Panels</b>	Approximate Hours
Mounting devices; Breaker installation; Terminations	500

<b>Floor Duct Installation</b>	Approximate Hours
Transit/grade establishment; Installing duct and fittings; Core drilling and outlet installation	200



<b>Motor Control Center Installation</b>	Approximate Hours
Rigging and mounting; Terminating feeders, branch circuits, and control wiring	100
<b>Installing, Splicing, &amp; Terminating Wires and Cables</b>	Approximate Hours
Establishing temporary power; Feeders and branch circuits; Control wiring; Splices, taps, and terminations	1200
<b>Cable Tray Installation</b>	Approximate Hours
Fabrication; Installing support devices; Installing cable tray and covers	150
<b>Lighting System Installation</b>	Approximate Hours
Installing outlet boxes and conductors; Installing fixtures; Control devices	1000
<b>Testing and Troubleshooting Feeders, Motors, and Branch Circuits</b>	Approximate Hours
Checking circuit continuity; Identifying fault current to ground; Meggering and Hi Potting; Certifying system operations; Repair and maintenance; Ground verification	100
<b>Fire Alarm Installation</b>	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout and circuit installation; Control panel and device installation; Programming and testing	300
<b>Motor Installation</b>	Approximate Hours
Rigging and setting; Alignment; Circuiting and Terminations; Testing	400
<b>Control System Installation</b>	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout and circuit installation; Distributed control	200
<b>Installing and Programming Programmable Logic Controllers</b>	Approximate Hours
Module installation; Control wiring and devices; Programming	100
<b>Installing Instrumentation and Process Control Systems</b>	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout and installation; Calibration	250
<b>Security System Installation</b>	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout; Box and circuit installation; Termination; Testing	100
<b>Installing Sound and Communication Systems</b>	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout; Conduit and box installation; Installing panels and network; Circuit installation; Terminations and testing	150





<b>Installing and Terminating Transformers</b>	Approximate Hours
Rigging and mounting; Primary and secondary terminations; Testing and troubleshooting	100
<b>Installing Fiber Optic Cable</b>	Approximate Hours
Equipment layout; Installing cable; Polishing and terminating; Testing and verifying	100
<b>Alternative Energy Sources (Solar, Wind, Fuel Cell, etc.)</b>	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpreting; Layout and installation; Testing, verifying, and troubleshooting	100
<b>Welding and Brazing</b>	Approximate Hours
Machine setup; Fabrication; Welding, grinding and finishing.	50
<b>Service and Troubleshooting</b>	Approximate Hours
Testing and analysis and repair of motors, transformers, electrical devices, electronic devices, magnetic devices, lighting and power circuits, equipment and machinery, control circuits and devices	100
<b>Material Handling and Pre-Fabrication</b>	Approximate Hours
Material/equipment awareness; Fabrication for field installation	100
<b>Safety Awareness and Other Specialized Areas</b>	Approximate Hours
	200
<b>APPROXIMATE HOURS</b>	<b>8000</b>



## Appendix A

### RELATED INSTRUCTION OUTLINE

#### ELECTRICIAN (Alternate Title : Interior Electrician)

**O\*NET-SOC CODE: 47-2111.00    RAPIDS CODE: 0159**

Each apprentice shall be required to participate in non-compensable related instruction away from the job as specified below.

Topics to be studied (completed) as part of the required electrical training ALLIANCE curriculum shall include, but not be limited to those listed below. The order of presentation may change from time to time:

<b>Provider</b>	
<b>Name:</b> Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship	
<b>Address:</b> 10700 Justin Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322	
<b>Email:</b> shansen@dmelejatc.org	<b>Phone Number:</b> 515-224-4349
<b>Related Instruction Hours:</b> 720	

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
FIRST SESSION Codes and Standards Electrical Theory Industry Orientation Installation Applications Jobsite Skills and Practices Safety Awareness	180 Hours Core



<b>SECOND SESSION</b> Codes and Standards Construction Documentation Electrical Equipment Electrical Theory Industry Orientation Installation Applications Safety Awareness	180 Hours Core
<b>THIRD SESSION</b> Codes and Standards Construction Documentation Construction Leadership Electrical Systems Electrical Theory Safe Material and Equipment Handling Safety Awareness	180 Hours Core
<b>FOURTH SESSION</b> Codes and Standards Construction Documentation Electrical Control Systems Electrical Systems Electrical Equipment Safety Awareness	72 Hours Core
<b>ADVANCED TOPICS</b> Advanced Codes and Standards Advanced Construction Documentation Advanced Construction Leadership Advanced Distributed Generation Advanced Communications Systems Advanced Control Systems Advanced Electrical Equipment Advanced Electrical Systems Advanced Limited Energy Systems Advanced Safety Awareness Advanced Theory	108 Hours Advanced
<b>Total Minimum Hours</b>	<b>720</b>



## SELECTION PROCEDURES

The JATC has adopted the following Selection Procedures for its Apprenticeship Program. These procedures shall be uniformly maintained and consistently applied to all individuals interested in the Apprenticeship Program.

### A. Application Availability

The JATC accepts applications in the time and manner indicated below.

#### METHOD A – Year-Round Application

The JATC will make applications available online, year-round 24/7.

The JATC will notify the Registration Agency and other appropriate parties (including recognized outreach and affirmative action groups), as indicated in the JATC's EEO/AA Plan, informing them of its year-round application procedure – including the nature of apprenticeship, requirements for admission to apprenticeship, availability of apprenticeship opportunities, how to access apprenticeship applications, and the JATC's EEO/AA policies.

### B. Interview Timing

The JATC has discretion to determine how often interviews will be conducted, and this may change during the year based upon industry needs. If a fixed interview schedule is established (e.g., monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually), the JATC will notify the Registration Agency of the dates as part of its semi-annual notice. If the JATC decides to interview on an as needed basis, the Registration agency will be notified of the scheduled interviews a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first interview date. Interviews shall be conducted in accordance with the notification supplied to the Registration Agency.

The JATC will interview on the following basis: Monthly

### C. General Rules Concerning Applications and Record Keeping

1. The JATC will use the Application and any related forms approved by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*.
2. Application forms will be issued and accepted electronically, or in accordance with the procedure adopted by the JATC indicated in Application Availability Section.
3. Everyone expressing an interest in making application with the JATC will be provided access to and/or issued an application form during the application period. The application must be designed so no one will be denied a right to apply, even if there is a question about their ability to meet minimum qualifications.
4. The JATC shall provide reasonable accommodations during the application process to individuals with disabilities who request them. The JATC's procedures for requests for accommodation are contained in its Rules and Policies.
5. An Application Record will be maintained by the JATC to show the status of each applicant.
6. No member of the JATC, or any employee of the JATC, shall reveal or discuss any information pertaining to any applicant except during the applicable meetings of the JATC or to members of the JATC staff involved in the application process.
7. All application forms and all related information and documents pertaining to applicants, including all correspondence sent to applicants by mail or electronically, are the property of the JATC and shall be considered confidential proprietary information. Records shall be maintained as required by the Registration Agency and by law.

### D. Qualifications for Applicants

The various methods under which an applicant may qualify for entry into the ranked pool, Direct Interview



or Direct Entry are detailed in the Standards. These must be summarized in the Notice of Apprenticeship Opportunity.

## **E. Application Process**

### **1. Application.**

- a. A written description of the basic requirements shall be included in the Notice of Apprenticeship Opportunity, must be posted *electronically* and must be available at the JATC office.
- b. The JATC shall collect and maintain information on individuals requesting access to applications. The JATC may establish procedures to follow-up with those expressing interest as part of its recruitment efforts.
- c. The applicant will be provided electronic access or in paper format to an application and the voluntary self-identification forms. Applicants must submit the application; resumes or similar documents will not be accepted in lieu of the application.
- d. As each application is received, the JATC shall ensure that it receives a unique serial number for that applicant. The applicant's name, date of the application, and serial number of the application will then be included in the Application Record.

### **2. Information to be Provided to and Received from Applicants.**

The following information must be provided to each applicant either online or within a reasonable time of not more than ten (10) days after the Application is received. If permitted by the Registration Agency, this information may be provided in paper or electronic formats, and transmitted to applicants in person, mail, by electronic means and/or by a link to the JATC's website or another online site.

- a. A list of the Basic Qualifications required to enter the pool of eligible applicants (see Standards).
- b. A copy of the Standards (including Appendix A), and the JATC's Rules and Policies.
- c. Specific information pertaining to the apprenticeship program, noting the geographical area of the jurisdiction, the periods of apprenticeship and the wages provided for each period. The applicant's attention will also be called to the work processes in the Standards and the apprentice's obligations and requirements to participate in, and complete, related instruction. The JATC may, but is not required to, highlight any other key requirements from the JATC's Rules and Policies.
- d. A list of things the applicant must do, and items they must provide, in order to qualify for an interview with the JATC. This document will inform the applicant if they are required to take the Aptitude Test to qualify for the interview, and that qualified applicants are interviewed in the order in which they complete their application by provide all required documents and transcripts.
- e. A list of information they may have to provide as part of the application process, and post-selection requirements that they will have to meet if they are selected from the list or through Direct Entry and are given a conditional offer, as provided in the Standards. This information will be available for review when getting access to an application, and again when invited to the interview.
- f. Applicants will be informed that they have 30 days to provide all transcripts, and any other documentation required by the JATC for their application to be complete.
- g. Applicants will be informed of optional information that they are permitted to provide and information that the JATC will or may obtain and use. This list will be available for review when getting access to an application, and again when invited to the interview.



- h. If the applicant indicates on the application a prior felony conviction, the JATC may choose to request that additional information be provided prior to the interview or may choose to wait until after a conditional offer is made.

## F. Processing Applications.

As applicant information is received, the JATC will record dates and other pertinent information in the Application Record. When all information and documentation is complete, the date of receipt of the last required information will be recorded in the Application Record in the completion column.

If an applicant fails to provide all required documentation by the cut-off date, the column indicated “Application Not Completed” will be checked in the Application Record.

## G. Testing and Interview Process

### 1. Aptitude Test)

The JATC will schedule all qualified applicants (other than those entitled to Direct Interview or Direct Entry) for a properly validated aptitude test required by the JATC and approved by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*, with a passing score as a minimum qualification, and to be eligible for interview. The applicant will be notified in writing as to the time, place, and date they are to complete the aptitude test. The applicant’s aptitude test results will be entered into the Application Record. Aptitude Test scores will not be shared with the interview committee. The Aptitude Test scores should not be shared with the applicant, only pass/fail.

### 2. Interviews

After all transcripts, materials, and aptitude test results are received, the JATC will review the documents to determine if the applicant meets minimum qualifications outlined in the Standards and is eligible for an interview. If the applicant does not meet minimum qualifications, the applicant will be so notified. The Application Record will note that the applicant was “Not Qualified for Apprenticeship” and the date the letter was sent.

The JATC will schedule interviews as indicated in B, Interview Timing. The JATC will interview all applicants who qualify for an interview and report for the interview as scheduled. The applicants will be interviewed in order based upon the date and time their application process was complete.

The list of applicants to be interviewed may be broken into smaller groups if more than one interview session is to be scheduled. Interview sessions will be scheduled to allow for the interviewing of all applicants who qualify for an interview.

Interviews will be conducted in accordance with the interview forms and procedures developed by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*. Applicants will be rated after the interview based upon the non-discriminatory criteria in the procedures and forms.

Unless an applicant is referred to the JATC due to potential disqualifying factor upon completing all scheduled interview sessions, all interviewed applicants will be notified that they shall remain on the active list, subject to selection, for a period of one (1) year from the date of their interview. This notification shall indicate that on the anniversary date, their eligibility shall expire.

## H. Ranking and Selection

1. After the members of the interview committee complete their evaluation of an applicant, the scores will be averaged in accordance with the procedures and forms developed by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*. The applicant will be included on the ranked list based upon that rating.





2. The JATC will place all individuals currently active on the list in ranked order. The ranked list will identify each individual's: rank, name, application number, date of interview, score to two decimal places, and eligibility expiration date. A current copy of the complete ranked list will be filed with the Registration Agency prior to selection and registration to any individual entering the apprenticeship program through the standard selection process.
3. When new interviews are scheduled and completed, or other selection procedures are completed, the JATC will add those applicants to its existing ranked list of applicants. Whenever a new ranking list is created, a copy will be provided to the Registration Agency.
4. The number of new apprentices to be selected, at any time, will be determined by the JATC, based on industry needs and the JATC's ability to provide training.
5. Selection of individuals from the list of interviewed applicants will not be done until all pre-scheduled interview sessions or other selection procedures are completed. The Registration Agency shall be promptly notified of all individuals entering the apprenticeship program through any means of entry.
6. The actual selection of individuals will be made by using the current ranked list, starting with the top score, and continuing on, in descending order, until the desired number of accepted applicants has been reached. The only individuals who may be registered ahead of those on the current ranked list are those entering through approved direct entry methods, including transfer, and organizing procedures. Selection from the current ranked list must be the highest on the list; the JATC cannot skip over individuals.
7. All selected applicants will be notified in writing (mail or email) of the JATC's offer of apprenticeship. The offer will be conditioned on completion of any required post-selection steps set out in the Standards and will note which conditions apply.
8. Once applicants are interviewed and placed on the ranked list, they shall remain active and subject to selection, for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of interview or completion of other selection procedures, unless they decline an offer, request to be removed from the list, fail to meet post-selection requirements, or they are approved for a re-interview.
9. Applicants will be deemed to have requested to be removed from the ranked list and/or declined an offer if they (i) fail to notify the JATC of changes in contact information; or (ii) fail to promptly respond to communications from the JATC, including offers.
10. All selected applicants (including direct entry) must provide any remaining documentation required to complete their applications process and satisfy all post-selection requirements in the Standards.

## **I. Post-Selection Requirements.**

All selected applicants (including those admitted through direct entry) must meet the following minimum requirements at the time indicated in these Selection Procedures, typically after a conditional offer is made and prior to registration.

- Provide any remaining documentation required to complete the selection process.
- Not be disqualified as a result of information obtained by the JATC during the selection process, including interviews, verification of information, reference checks or other information made available to the JATC prior to registration.
- Pass all required drug-screen tests. The cost of the tests is borne by the JATC. If the applicant fails any pre-registration drug test, refuses to take any pre-registration drug test, or has insufficient hair or urine for any pre-registered drug test, each of which constitutes a failed pre-registered drug test, the conditional offer will be revoked.



## **J. Disqualification**

Prior to, during or after the interview, and prior to registration, the JATC may learn of information that may disqualify the applicant or render them unable to meet the requirements of the program. The JATC or its designee shall discuss those issues with the applicant, provide the applicant with an opportunity to explain and, where appropriate, obtain relevant documentation. If the applicant does not voluntarily withdraw his or her application, the applicant may be referred to the JATC for a decision on whether the applicant should be disqualified and not placed on the active list or should be removed from the list.

## **K. Re-Evaluation Process**

If after a minimum of ninety (90) days from the date of their most recent interview with the JATC, an applicant has gained at least 450 hours of documented work experience in the electrical construction industry or has successfully completed two (2) or more post-secondary, industry-related classes, the applicant is eligible to make a request to be re-interviewed by the JATC by completing the JATC's Re-Interview Request Form. Examples of related classes include Algebra I and II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Advanced Math, Physical Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Industrial Arts, Mechanical Drawing/Drafting, Computer Literacy/Programming, or Related Vocational/Technical Courses.

The JATC is not obligated to grant a re-interview to an applicant where the factors on which the score was based would not be affected by additional experience or education. The JATC will respond to the request in a timely manner.

## **L. Applicant Appeals Procedure**

Any applicant for apprenticeship who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination or other unfair treatment during the selection process on the basis of any protected category may file a complaint of discrimination using the JATC's internal Complaint Procedure set out below or Appendix F.

## **Advancement Of Apprentices, Cancellation, Complaint Procedures**

### **A. Advancement of Apprentices**

1. Every two months during the first year of apprenticeship, and at least yearly thereafter, the JATC shall examine the progress of the apprentice on the job and in related instruction, based on apprenticeship evaluation completed by an Employer and other available information. The JATC will also receive a monthly OJT training report from each Employer showing the experience and training in the various work processes acquired by the apprentice and evaluating the apprentice.
2. The JATC shall evaluate the apprentice's overall performance and accomplishments at the end of each period. Action must be taken on each apprentice to approve advancement, extend present rating for a specified probationary period, or cancel the apprenticeship agreement, with due notice to the apprentice and a reasonable opportunity for corrective action. Proper documentation shall be maintained of all action taken by the JATC.

### **B. Cancellation or Resignation of Apprenticeship Agreement**

1. An Apprenticeship Agreement may be canceled at the request of the apprentice at any time.
2. An Apprenticeship Agreement may be suspended for a specified period of time, canceled or terminated by the JATC for good cause, with due notice to the apprentice and, in appropriate circumstances, a reasonable opportunity for corrective action. Written notice shall be provided to the apprentice and to the Registration Agency (if required).



3. Individuals who have been suspended or terminated from apprenticeship shall not be assigned by the JATC in any capacity. Suspended or terminated apprentices are not eligible to participate in any related training activities and, as per the CBA, they are not eligible for any job assignments by the JATC under the CBA unless the JATC has determined that the individual is eligible for a change to another classification recognized in the CBA.
4. When an apprentice's Apprenticeship Agreement is terminated before satisfactory completion of their apprenticeship, the resulting vacancy may be filled by selecting and registering the next individual from the current eligibility list; provided all registered apprentices who are available for OJT assignments are so assigned. In the event that related instructional training classes are not available in the immediate future, the individual(s) registered shall begin informational/awareness classes just as soon as possible. These courses may include topics such as Industry Awareness, Communications, Productivity, Marketing, CPR, Tech Math, Safety Awareness and General Orientation

### C. Complaint Procedures

1. The JATC shall have full authority and responsibility to review and shall seek to resolve all issues and/or disputes pertaining to all apprenticeship and training matters. The JATC shall hear and consider all complaints of violations concerning the Apprenticeship Agreement and the Standards, and shall make such rulings, as it deems necessary and appropriate in its discretion. Apprentices have the right to request an appearance before the JATC concerning specific issues or matters dealing with their apprenticeship agreement. Such requests must be in writing. The JATC shall adopt a formal Complaint Procedure as part of its Rules and Policies. Apprentices and applicants have no right to representation by an attorney or others during JATC investigations and meetings, unless otherwise provided in the Rules and Policies.
2. Any apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship who believes they have been subject to discrimination in violation of the EEO Policies and Procedures, or federal, state, or local law has the right to file an internal complaint with the JATC and rights to file external complaints with the U.S. Department of Labor, EEOC and/or applicable state or local agencies. See EEO Policies and Procedures, Appendix F.
3. All applicants and apprentices have the right to file complaints regarding any issue with the Registration Agency. Applicants and apprentices will be provided with a copy of the Notice of Rights. See Appendix F.
4. All apprentices have the right to seek resolution through the applicable Grievance and Arbitration Articles of the CBA for issues arising on the job: wages, hours, working conditions, and other issues covered by the CBA. Apprentices should first provide notice to the JATC.
5. A Local Union receiving a grievance from or about an apprentice shall notify and involve the JATC, which has the primary responsibility for apprentices under Article V of the Standard Inside Agreement.

### Certification of Completion

Upon satisfactory completion of the required number of hours of related instruction from the *electrical training ALLIANCE*'s course of study, and accumulation of a minimum of 8,000 hours of OJT, and acquisition of the appropriate jurisdictional QEW Electrical License, the JATC will certify to the sponsoring parties, to the *electrical training ALLIANCE*, and to the Registration Agency that the apprentice has satisfied the requirements of his or her apprenticeship agreement.



## Appendix A-2

### Work Process

The JATC shall require each apprentice to submit a work report on a monthly basis. Such reports shall be maintained by the JATC as part of its official file for each apprentice. The JATC shall use reports and other evaluations and records the JATC may use to provide an accumulative OJT record of experience in the various work processes for each apprentice.

All OJT work shall be performed under the supervision of an electrical industry Journeyworker. Supervision will not be of such nature as to prevent the development of responsibility and initiative. Work may be laid out by an Employer's designated supervisor based on the apprentice's skills and ability to perform the job tasks, after which the apprentice shall be permitted to perform job tasks in order to develop job skills and industry competencies.

Apprentices with a minimum of 6,500 hours of OJT who have successfully completed all related instruction, may be permitted to perform electrical construction work without the direct supervision of an electrical industry Journeyworker as follows: while the apprentice's supervising Journeyworker must be present on the job site, and the apprentice should not be the first worker assigned to the job, such apprentice may be assigned to independently perform job tasks at the job site consistent with the apprentice's skills, knowledge and ability to perform the work as determined by the Employer.

An apprentice shall not supervise the work of any other apprentice or workers of any other classification.

### Hours of Work; Assignments

The apprentice shall work the hours that are specified in the local CBA or such hours that are set by an Employer consistent with the CBA. The current hours of work shall be included in the Rules and Policies. The apprentice's work shall not interfere with attending related instructional classes.

The JATC shall maintain a standard procedure for assignment of apprentices and endeavor to ensure continuous employment for all apprentices, and adequate training and experience in all work processes as described above. The JATC shall make all OJT assignments and reassignments consistent with the CBA. In order to achieve these objectives an apprentice may be transferred or reassigned to another participating employer as determined by the JATC in its discretion.

In the event that the JATC is unable to provide an eligible apprentice with an OJT assignment, apprentices may seek temporary employment outside of the electrical construction industry. Regardless of employment status, apprentices must continue to report for their regularly scheduled related instructional classes. Apprentices shall remain at all times subject to immediate call by the JATC for an OJT assignment given by the JATC. Under no circumstances shall a participating employer be denied the assignment of an apprentice due to an apprentice temporarily working outside the CBA. Failure to immediately comply with instructions to return to the JATC for an OJT assignment may result in cancellation of the apprentice's apprenticeship agreement.

The JATC may assist apprentices in seeking temporary employment by providing access to resources, establishing connections with local employers or other methods.

### Temporary Training Opportunities

Apprentices may be permitted to receive OJT and related training on a temporary basis with another IBEW/NECA JATC, provided that the apprentice, both of the JATCs, and their respective Local Unions and Local Chapters agree on such assignment. Before apprentices are given a temporary OJT assignment, they must supply the host JATC with an official copy of their apprenticeship agreement, clearly indicating



that it has been properly registered with the applicable Registration Agency. Apprentices shall remain subject to reassignment by the JATC with whom they are registered. Failure to immediately comply with such instruction to return to the JATC with whom they are registered may result in the cancellation of the apprentice's apprenticeship agreement; in which case, the apprentice would no longer be employable as an apprentice under the CBA in any jurisdiction.

### **Related Instruction**

The time spent in related instruction, which may include blended learning and computer-mediated learning, shall be in addition to the required minimum hours of OJT. The computer-mediated learning model will allow the apprentice to learn at their own pace with experiential learning styles such as gaming, and knowledge checks before moving on to the next section to ensure competence. The minimum number of related instruction hours per year may change from time to time in order to meet training needs. Such changes must be properly approved by the Registration Agency.

The JATC shall secure competent Instructors whose knowledge, experience, and ability to teach shall be carefully examined and monitored. These instructors will also be competent with hands-on labs to allow the apprentices to become sufficient. The instructors shall take the teacher training courses made available from the *electrical training ALLIANCE* (or state-required equivalent) through attendance, participation, and working towards completion of the Industry's Four-Year National Training Institute Teacher-Training program.

The JATC shall secure the instructional aids and equipment it deems necessary to provide quality instruction.

The instructors shall administer or oversee *electrical training ALLIANCE* standardized tests in a timely manner. Such tests shall be evaluated, scored, and reviewed with the class. If tests are not administered electronically, the instructor shall ensure that all tests and materials are collected and provided to the JATC.

The JATC shall monitor the apprentice's performance in related training and take appropriate action to encourage improvement where warranted. JATCs will require performance reports to be filed on a regular basis by each Instructor, evaluating the apprentice's related instructional training performance. Such reports shall be maintained by the JATC as part of its official file for each apprentice, providing an accumulative record of performance in related training.

The JATC shall inform each graduating apprentice of the availability of college credit through the *electrical training ALLIANCE*'s College Credit Program with the American Council on Education ("ACE"), and any Continuing Education Units ("CEUs") that may be available.

Certain related instruction may be provided online, rather than in a traditional classroom or laboratory setting. If an apprentice is required to attend related instruction online, the apprentice must have access to the Internet via a computer and must complete all online assignments and the total required hours of each session in the allotted amount of time. The computer will not be provided by the apprenticeship program and the Internet access fees will not be paid by the apprenticeship program.

### **Safety and Health Training**

The Employers are responsible for instructing apprentices in safe and healthful work practices and shall ensure that the apprentice is trained in facilities and other environments that are in compliance with either the Occupational Safety and Health Act standards promulgated by DOL or State or local standards that have been found to be at least as effective as the Federal standards.





The JATC shall see that all apprentices complete CPR/First Aid training during their probationary period. The JATC shall also attempt to see that graduates of its apprenticeship program possess a current CPR/First Aid card. NOTE: This training requires additional classroom hours.

## Methods of Entry

Every individual selected for apprenticeship shall come from the pool of qualified applicants on the ranked list, unless otherwise qualifying for Direct Interview or Direct Entry. No applicant shall be excluded from consideration because they fail to meet qualifications for Direct Interview or Direct Entry; they must be considered under the standard method of entry.

Application. Every applicant must fill out an application form, either in paper format or electronically; accurately; and completely responding to all questions and items listed in the application.

### Direct Interview Qualification.

Except as described below, the applicants described below will not be required to obtain a qualifying score on the Aptitude Test or meet the requirements of High School diploma or GED, or Algebra. If they meet all other minimum qualifications listed in the Registered Apprenticeship Standards, and the requirements below, they will be invited to an interview. These individuals must still meet all post-selection requirements. Applicants are not required to apply through these methods and may choose to apply through the standard method of entry.

#### X 1) Military Experience.

- a. Applicants who have completed at least three years of active-duty military service with the U.S. Armed Forces, with a discharge under honorable conditions within five years of the application date.
- b. Applicants who have completed at least six years of U.S. military reserve service, who are still serving as a military reservist or have an honorable discharge within two years of the application date.
- c. Applicants who have been honorably discharged from the military and have completed military technical training school in a Military Occupational Specialty (“MOS”) applicable to the commercial and/or industrial electrical construction industry and can document a minimum of two years of military experience in that MOS within five years of the date of application. *These individuals may also qualify for direct entry.*
- d. To qualify under Military Experience, applicants must provide a DD Form 214 or equivalent documentation acceptable to the JATC to establish their experience.
- e. Applicants who have served overseas and/or lived on a military installation for a minimum of two (2) years prior to application will have any existing residency restriction waived.

#### X 2) Industry Experience.

- a. 2,000 Hours. Applicants who can verify that they have worked a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours specifically in the electrical construction industry.
- b. 4,000 Hours. Applicants who can verify that they have worked a minimum of 4,000 hours specifically in the commercial construction industry. These individuals may also qualify for direct entry. An absolute minimum of 4,000 hours of electrical work experience must be proven to meet





this qualification. No other form of electronic or electrical experience/training or construction experience will be given credit under this provision.

- c. Individuals applying under these two Industry Experience methods must provide to the JATC sufficient documentation, satisfactory to the JATC, to demonstrate their experience in the electrical construction industry. This documentation may be comprised of official documents such as tax/payroll records, or notarized letters of experience from prior employers.

X 3) electrical training ALLIANCE Interim Credential.

- a. Individuals who have received an Interim Credential through the program developed by the electrical training ALLIANCE, which represents that they have successfully completed the assigned curriculum. *These individuals may also be eligible for direct entry.*

X 4) School to Apprenticeship.

- a. Individuals who have completed a School to Apprenticeship (STA) Program in the electrical industry, including School to Registered Apprenticeship (STRA) program involving the JATC. To be eligible, the STA or STRA program must meet the following requirements:
  - i. shall be available to all schools within the jurisdiction of the CBA that agree to participate in the STRA program.
  - ii. shall require participants to be at least 16 years of age.
  - iii. shall require participants to complete their Junior Year (11th Grade) of High School prior to being employed as an apprentice in this program.
  - iv. shall allow the JATC to work with the school to encourage participating school systems to include in their academic curriculum: A basic Computer Course and Mechanical Drawing, or Computer-Aided Design. The JATC may determine that participants must complete the First Year of industry-related classroom training (*electrical training ALLIANCE Curriculum*), specific *electrical training ALLIANCE* courses or industry orientation-related seminars, or classes. These classes and seminars shall be taught by the JATC. The *electrical training ALLIANCE* course materials may be presented during the evening hours.
  - v. may permit the scheduling of alternating weeks of academic study and OJT experience, as determined by the JATC, and agreed to by the participating school(s).
  - vi. shall mandate that failure to successfully complete academic studies (high school and JATC) shall be just cause for termination from the program.
  - vii. shall mandate that failure to demonstrate progress in safely and proficiently accomplishing work practices shall be just cause for termination.

X 5) Job Corps.

- a. Applicants who completed a Job Corps training program in electrical construction within two (2) years prior to application, and who obtain a qualifying score on the Aptitude Test.

X 6) Pre-Apprenticeship Programs.

- a. Individuals who can verify that they have completed a structured pre-apprenticeship training program meeting minimum requirements recognized by the JATC, and sponsored by community outreach groups, the IBEW or NECA, the Local, State, Regional or National Building Trades programs, or by the JATC. *These individuals may also qualify for direct entry.*



- b. Applicants under this method must provide the JATC with appropriate documentation, satisfactory to the JATC, confirming that they meet the specific requirements of the pre-apprenticeship program. This documentation must be comprised of official documents such as completion/graduation certificates, transcripts, notarized letters of confirmation, and sworn statements.

X 7) Industry Needs.

Applicants who meet unique industry needs or requirements, and who obtain a qualifying score on the Aptitude Test, will qualify for direct interview by the JATC as soon as possible after application submission and may qualify for direct entry. To qualify under this method, applicants must either:

- i. Be in categories for which signatory contractors are required to recruit and hire under project labor agreements (“PLAs”), project stabilization agreements (“PSAs”), and/or other federal, state, or local government contracts or agreements, provided that those categories are not defined by Protected Characteristics as defined in the JATC’s EEO/AA Plan (e.g., requirements for veterans, local residents, or disadvantaged workers as defined by income or other factors than the Protected Characteristics); or
- ii. Be located in a geographic area for which there is a high demand that cannot be reasonably served with a sufficient number of apprentices because of the excessive travel distances.

Direct Entry Qualification.

Applicants who meet the following qualifications will be offered direct entry into the Apprenticeship Program, with certain requirements waived and without being placed on or selected from the ranked list of qualified applicants. These individuals must still meet all post-selection requirements, unless expressly exempted.

- 1) New Signatory Employer. An electrical construction employee of a non-signatory employer not qualifying as a Journeyworker when the employer becomes a signatory shall be evaluated by the JATC, using consistent, standard, non-discriminatory means and registered at the appropriate period of apprenticeship based on previous work experience and related training.
  - a. Such applicants must:
    - i. Provide official, undisputable documentation to show that they were an employee performing electrical construction work prior to and at the time the employer becomes signatory.
    - ii. Supply the JATC with required reliable documentation and adequate verification to substantiate previous employment and experience to warrant their registration.
    - iii. Meet the physical requirement to climb and work from ladders, scaffolds, poles, and towers of various heights, push, pull, crawl, crouch, and work in confined spaces such as attics, manholes, and crawlspaces, lift 25–50-pound objects on a fairly consistent schedule, and use various hand and power-assisted tools to install conduit, wiring, fixtures, devices, and electrical apparatus within commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.
    - iv. Be capable of completing all requirements of the apprenticeship program and performing the work required of an electrical worker, with or without reasonable accommodations, including being able and willing to: Safely perform or learn to safely perform the essential functions of the job; Get to and from work at job sites anywhere within the geographical jurisdiction of this Apprenticeship Program. Attend and successfully pass all related instruction; Understand and follow all JATC Rules and Policies; Read, hear, speak, and understand instructions and warnings in English.



- 2) 30% Cards. An individual who signs an authorization card during an organizing effort, where 30% or more of the employees have signed authorization cards, whether or not the employer becomes signatory, and is an employee of the non-signatory electrical contractor and does not qualify as a Journeyworker, shall be evaluated by the JATC, using consistent, standard, non-discriminatory means and registered at the appropriate period of apprenticeship based on previous work experience and related training.
  - a. All employees of the non-signatory electrical contractor must have been offered the opportunity to sign authorization cards.
  - b. For such applicants to be considered, they must:
    - i. Have previous work experience (with non-participating employer(s)) that warrants some OJT credit, based on the provisions of these Standards, provide reliable documentation and adequate verification (which shall be recorded and securely filed in the applicant's file) to substantiate previous employment and experience, in order to qualify for direct entry under this provision.
    - ii. Provide official documentation to show length of employment with present electrical employer and all other previous electrical employers.
    - iii. Meet the physical requirement to climb and work from ladders, scaffolds, poles, and towers of various heights, push, pull, crawl, crouch, and work in confined spaces such as attics, manholes, and crawlspaces, lift 25–50-pound objects on a fairly consistent schedule, and use various hand and power-assisted tools to install conduit, wiring, fixtures, devices, and electrical apparatus within commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.
    - iv. Be capable of completing all requirements of the apprenticeship program and performing the work required of an electrical worker, with or without reasonable accommodations, including being able and willing to: Safely perform or learn to safely perform the essential functions of the job; Get to and from work at job sites anywhere within the geographical jurisdiction of this Apprenticeship Program. Attend and successfully pass all related instruction; Understand and follow all JATC Rules and Policies; Read, hear, speak, and understand instructions and warnings in English.
- 3) Transfer of Apprenticeship. A registered apprentice who wishes to transfer an Apprenticeship Agreement between two local IBEW/NECA JATCs having registered inside apprenticeship programs must meet the following requirements.
  - a. The apprentice must submit a written request for transfer, describing in detail the needs and reasons upon which the request is based.
  - b. The apprentice's sponsoring JATC must agree to the transfer, acting on behalf of the official program sponsors for the IBEW and NECA. The sponsoring JATC must not unreasonably withhold such agreement.
  - c. The receiving JATC must agree to accept the transfer, acting on behalf of the official program sponsors for the IBEW and NECA. The receiving JATC must not unreasonably withhold such acceptance.
  - d. The receiving JATC shall have complete access to all apprenticeship records pertaining to the transferring apprentice.
  - e. The transferring apprentice must:
    - i. Complete an Application.



- ii. Provide to the JATC official documentation pertaining to their participation in the apprenticeship program they are transferring from. An official copy of all records established with the sponsoring JATC (including a copy of the application form and the apprenticeship agreement – properly registered with the Registration Agency) and other information submitted shall be provided to the receiving JATC.
- iii. The receiving JATC will examine all documentation submitted before granting permission to transfer. All such records shall become part of the receiving JATC's permanent files.
- g. Upon being accepted by the receiving JATC, have their existing apprenticeship agreement terminated and have registration proceedings initiated immediately by the receiving JATC and the appropriate Registration Agency. The Registration Agency will be provided with all documentation necessary and/or required to verify that the transfer is justifiable.
- h. The apprentice will receive full credit for probationary time previously served. No plan assets will be transferred between the plans to cover the cost of the apprentice's education.

4) Other Means.

- a. Individuals who qualify under two years military electrical experience, 4,000 hours, Interim Credential, pre-apprenticeship, or industry needs, may qualify for direct entry, after interview based upon standard, non-discriminatory evaluation factors (e.g., top 50% of class ranking for those with Interim Credentials, a defined cut-off or pass/fail score on knowledge-based tests or skills-based tests or other exams, or a pass/fail interview).
- b. The JATC may, in its discretion, determine that due to industry needs, individuals in one or more categories will be offered direct entry rather than direct interview for a period of time.
- c. Decisions to permit direct entry under these options, and for what period of time, should be recorded in the Minutes of the Committee and publicized through the Notice of Apprenticeship Opportunity, prior to each period of application and interviews.
- d. A decision to permit direct entry instead of direct interview must be made before or promptly after an interview before interviewees are placed on the ranked list. Once an applicant is placed on the ranked list, their status cannot be changed to Direct Entry.

### **Credit for On-the-Job Skill Acquisition and Previous Related Training**

Every applicant who qualifies for Direct Interview or Direct Entry, and who is subsequently registered, will be evaluated by the JATC to determine, using standard means of evaluation, if OJT and/or related instruction credit will be awarded for previous training and experience.

Qualified applicants interviewed and selected for apprenticeship under these Standards who have previously completed another IBEW/NECA apprenticeship will be awarded a minimum of three thousand, five hundred (3,500) hours of OJT credit. Such individuals will be properly evaluated by the JATC and placed in the appropriate year of related training.

Qualified applicants selected for registration who have the electrical training ALLIANCE Interim Credential shall be provided credit for the courses completed within the Interim Credentials, if the Interim Credential was received within three (3) years of the date of registration.

Other applicants selected for registration who have previous knowledge and skill acquisition in the electrical construction industry can ask for and have such work and job experience evaluated by the JATC prior to signing an Apprenticeship Agreement. The apprentice cannot request an evaluation of past experience after signing.



Where such experience warrants, the JATC will place the apprentice in the appropriate period with the commensurate wages as determined by the JATC. The JATC will use consistent and equal ways and means for measuring and evaluating individuals to determine how much credit to award, for both OJT and related training. Hours of OJT credit awarded and related instruction placement level are independent of one another. Those awarded OJT credit and assigned to the appropriate pay period classification may be given additional time to successfully complete related instructional requirements.

Advance standing is subject to review throughout the probationary period. During this time, OJT and classroom performance will be evaluated to determine if any readjustment concerning OJT or related training status is warranted, including reevaluation and reassignment of apprenticeship period and level of related instruction, as the JATC determines.

### **The Apprenticeship Agreement**

Before being employed as an apprentice or enrolled in related instruction classes, the selected applicant must sign an Apprenticeship Agreement with the JATC. The Apprenticeship Agreement will be submitted to the Registration Agency for approval if required. The Standards and the JATC's Rules and Policies (as they may be amended) shall be considered a part of the Apprenticeship Agreement.

Prior to signing the Apprenticeship Agreement, each selected applicant shall be given an opportunity to read and review the Standards, the JATC's Rules and Policies, the Apprenticeship Agreement and the sections of the CBA that pertains to apprenticeship. Selected applicants shall sign an acknowledgement that they have reviewed the documents and are willing to abide by them.

The JATC and the Apprentice shall sign the Apprenticeship Agreement, and each receive a signed copy. The JATC shall follow the procedures of the Registration Agency regarding the submission of the Apprenticeship Agreement (e.g. through RAPIDS for DOL states, number of signed originals).

### **Selection and Placement**

Selection and placement of all Applicants not eligible for Direct Entry will be done under the Selection Procedures.

Apprentices who enter the traditional time-based program may be offered the opportunity to transition into the Hybrid apprenticeship program provided the transition is authorized and approved by the JATC. Apprentices who enter the Hybrid apprenticeship program may be offered the opportunity by the JATC to transition to the traditional time-based program provided the transition is authorized and approved by the JATC. Apprentices who transition must complete all of the related instruction and hour requirements for the program.



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## **Appendix B**

### **ETA-671 APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT**

**AND**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF  
APPRENTICESHIP  
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF  
COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP**

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# Program Registration and Apprenticeship Agreement

## U.S. Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration  
Office of Apprenticeship



### APPRENTICE AGREEMENT AND REGISTRATION – SECTION II

OMB No. 1205-0223 Expiration Date: 07/31/2027

#### PART A: APPRENTICE'S INFORMATION

1. First Name		Last Name		Answer Both 4a. and 4b. below  4. a. Ethnicity (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Participant Did Not Self-Identify  b. Race (Select One or More) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Participant Did Not Self-Identify	5. Veteran Status (Select All That Apply)
Middle Name (Optional)		Suffix (Optional)			<input type="checkbox"/> Non Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Non Veteran, Other Eligible Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran, Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Participant Did Not Self-Identify
Address (No., Street, City, State, Zip Code)					6. Education Level (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Not High School graduate <input type="checkbox"/> High School graduate (including equivalency) <input type="checkbox"/> Some College or Associate's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate or professional degree
Telephone Number (Optional)		E-mail Address (Optional)			
*Social Security Number - - -					
2. Date of Birth (Mo., Day, Yr.)		3. Sex (Select One)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Participant Did Not Self-Identify			
7. Employment Status of Apprentice (Select One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> New Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Current Employee					
8. Did the apprentice complete a pre-apprenticeship program prior to their registration in this apprenticeship program?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

If yes, please provide the Pre-Apprenticeship Program Name and Address:

#### PART B: PROGRAM SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

1. Program Number		2. Occupation (The work processes listed in the standards are part of this agreement.)	
Sponsor's Name and Address (No., Street, City, State, Zip Code, County)			
Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number (Optional)	a. RAPIDS Code:	
		b. O*NET Code:	
		c. Interim Credentials Offered (i.e., Career Lattice Occupation)?	
E-mail Address			

b. Employer's Name and Address (If different from Sponsor's address above)

3. Occupation Type	4. Term Length (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)	5. Probationary Period (Hrs. or Wks.)
6. Credit for Previous On-the-Job Learning Experience (Hrs. Mos., Yrs.):  a. Term Remaining (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)	7. Credit for Previous Related Instruction Experience (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)	8. Date Apprenticeship Begins  a. Expected Completion Date

9. Related Instruction Provider(s) Name and Address

a. Total Length of Related Instruction

b. Are Wages Paid During Related Instruction?

c. Hours When Related Instruction Is Provided

10. Progressive Wage Schedule:

a. Apprentice's Entry Wage \$

b. Journeyworker's (i.e., Experienced Worker's) Wage \$

c. Wage Rate Units	Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Duration (If Applicable)										
	Competencies (If Applicable)										
d. Wage Rate	Wage Rate										

11. Name and Contact Information of the Individual Designated by the Program Sponsor to Receive Complaints

PART C: AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURES

The program sponsor’s Apprenticeship Standards, which the sponsor certifies are in conformity with the requirements for program registration contained in 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 29, subpart A and 29 CFR part 30, are attached and are hereby incorporated into this agreement. The program sponsor and apprentice hereby agree to the terms of the Apprenticeship Standards that are incorporated as part of this agreement, as those Standards existed on the date of the agreement.

These Apprenticeship Standards may be amended during the period of this agreement with the consent of the parties to the agreement, provided that such amendments are also in conformity with the requirements for program registration contained in 29 CFR part 29, subpart A and 29 CFR part 30.

The apprentice will be accorded equal opportunity in all phases of apprenticeship employment and training by the program sponsor, without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability.

This agreement may be canceled by either of the parties, citing cause(s), with written notice to the registration agency, in compliance with 29 CFR part 29, subpart A.

During the probationary period described in Part B above, this apprenticeship agreement may be cancelled by either party upon written notice to the registration agency. After the probationary period, this agreement may be cancelled at the request of the apprentice, or suspended or cancelled by the sponsor, for good cause, with due notice to the apprentice and a reasonable opportunity for corrective action, and with written notice to the apprentice and to the Registration Agency of the final action taken.

This apprenticeship agreement does not constitute a certification under 29 CFR part 5 for the employment of the apprentice on Federally financed or assisted construction projects. Current certifications must be obtained from the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) or the recognized State Apprenticeship Agency.

1. Signature of Apprentice	Date	2. Signature of Parent/Guardian (If minor)	Date
3. Signature of Sponsor’s Representative(s)	Date	4. Signature of Sponsor’s Representative(s)	Date
5. Signature of Employer’s Representative(s) (If Applicable)	Date	6. Signature of Employer’s Representative(s) (If Applicable)	Date

PART D: TO BE COMPLETED BY REGISTRATION AGENCY

1. Registration Agency and Address	2. Signature (Registration Agency)	3. Date Registered
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4. Apprentice Identification Number:

**NOTE:** The collection and maintenance of the data on ETA-671, Apprentice Agreement and Registration – Section II Form, is authorized under the National Apprenticeship Act, 29 U.S.C. 50, and 29 CFR part 29, subpart A. The data is used for apprenticeship program statistical purposes and is maintained, pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), in a systems of records entitled, DOL/ETA-31, The Enterprise Business Support System (EBSS) (encompassing RAPIDS), at the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship. Data may be disclosed to Federal, state, and local agencies and community-based organizations, including State Apprenticeship Agencies, to facilitate statistical research, audit, and evaluation activities necessary to ensure the success, integrity, and improvement of employment and training programs. Data may also be disclosed to these organizations to determine an assessment of skill needs and program information, and in connection with federal litigation or when required by law.

## Part A: Apprentice's Information

### Item 4a. Ethnicity

**Hispanic or Latino:** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, "Spanish origin," can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

### Item 4b. Race

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment. This category includes people who indicate their race as "American Indian or Alaska Native" or report entries such as Navajo, Blackfeet, Inupiat, Yup'ik, or Central American Indian groups or South American Indian groups.

**Asian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. This includes people who reported detailed Asian responses such as: "Asian Indian," "Chinese," "Filipino," "Korean," "Japanese," "Vietnamese," and "Other Asian" or provide other detailed Asian responses.

**Black or African American:** A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as "Black or African American," or report entries such as African American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who reported their race as "Fijian," "Guamanian or Chamorro," "Marshallese," "Native Hawaiian," "Samoan," "Tongan," and "Other Pacific Islander" or provide other detailed Pacific Islander responses.

**White:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as "White" or report entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Arab, Moroccan, or Caucasian.

### Item 5. Veteran Status

A **Veteran** is a person who has served in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

A **Non Veteran, Other Eligible Individual** is a person who is a dependent spouse or child—or the surviving spouse or child—of a Veteran, and who is eligible for certain G.I. Bill and other VA-administered educational assistance benefits provided under Title 38 of the U.S. Code.

A **Veteran, Eligible** is a Veteran who is eligible for certain G.I. Bill and other VA-administered educational assistance benefits provided under Title 38 of the U.S. Code.

### Item 8.

**Pre-Apprenticeship:** A program or set of strategies designed to prepare individuals to enter and succeed in a Registered Apprenticeship program and has a documented partnership with at least one, if not more, Registered Apprenticeship program(s).

## Part B: Program Sponsor's Information

**Item 1.** A **Program Number** is a generated number assigned to a program sponsor when a program is registered in the Office of Apprenticeship's Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Data System (RAPIDS).

**Item 1.** A **Sponsor Name** is any person, association, committee, or organization operating an apprenticeship program and in whose name the program is (or is to be) registered or approved.

**Item 1b.** An **Employer** is any person or organization employing an apprentice whether or not such person or organization is a party to an Apprenticeship Agreement with the apprentice.

**Item 2.** An **Occupation** refers to the occupation an apprentice will be trained in, and the occupation will be listed in the sponsor's program standards.

**Item 2a.** A **RAPIDS Code** is the numeric code of the occupation in the apprenticeable occupation list.

**Item 2b.** An **Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) Code** is an 8-digit code in the O\*NET data system (<https://www.onetonline.org/>).

**Item 2c.** **Interim Credentials** (Certificate of Training) applies to career lattice occupations. These credentials are issued by the Registration Agency upon request by the program sponsor. Interim credentials provide certification of competency attainment by an apprentice, but does not necessarily indicate completion of the program.

**Item 3.** **Occupation Type** refers to the following three training approaches listed below.

**Item 3a.** A **Time-based Approach** measures skill acquisition through the individual apprentice's completion of at least 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning as described in a work process schedule.

**Item 3b.** A **Competency-based Approach** measures skill acquisition through the individual apprentice's successful demonstration of acquired skills and knowledge, as verified by the program sponsor. Programs utilizing this approach must still require apprentices to complete an on-the-job learning component of Registered Apprenticeship. The program standards must address how on-the-job learning will be integrated into the program, describe competencies, and identify an appropriate means of testing and evaluation for such competencies. An apprentice must be registered in an approved competency-based occupation for 12 calendar months of on-the-job-learning.

**Item 3c.** A **Hybrid Approach** measures the individual apprentice's skill acquisition through a combination of specified minimum number of hours of on-the-job learning and the successful demonstration of competency as described in a work process schedule.

**Item 4.** A **Term Length (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)** of the occupation is based on the program sponsor's training approach as approved by the Registration Agency.

**Item 5.** A **Probationary Period (Hrs. or Wks.)** is the number of hours or weeks of on-the-job learning during the apprentice's probationary period. A probationary period cannot exceed 25 percent of the term length of the occupation or one year, whichever is shorter.

**Item 6.** **Credit for Previous On-the-Job Learning Experience (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)** is granted by the program sponsor based upon documented evidence provided by the apprentice. An apprentice must complete a minimum of six months on-the-job learning regardless of credits for previous experience awarded.

**Item 6a.** The **Term Remaining (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)** is the difference between the term length of the on-the-job learning and the credits for previous experience awarded.

**Item 7. Credit for Previous Related Instruction Experience** (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.) is granted by the program sponsor based upon documented evidence provided by the apprentice.

**Item 9a. Total Length of Related Instruction** is the duration spent in related instruction in technical subjects related to the occupation, which is recommended to be not less than 144 hours per year.

**Item 10. Progressive Wage Schedule:**

**Item 10a. Apprentice's Entry Wage** (dollar amount paid): A sponsor enters this apprentice's entry wage.

**Item 10b. Journeyworker's (i.e., Experienced Worker's) Wage:** A sponsor enters the wage per unit (i.e., hourly, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually).

**Item 10c. Wage Rate Units:** A sponsor enters the apprentice schedule of pay for each advancement period based on the program sponsor's training approach (i.e., hourly, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, or competencies).

**Item 10d. Wage Rate:** Sponsor selects either percent of journeyworker (i.e., experienced worker) wage, dollar amount of wage, or both the percent of journeyworker wage and dollar amount of wage. If the sponsor selects "Both the percent of journeyworker wage and \$ amount of wage," the sponsor can enter a percentage or dollar amount for the wage in each period.

**Item 11. Complaints:** Identifies the individual or entity responsible for receiving complaints (29 CFR 29.7(k)).

#### **Part D: To Be Completed By Registration Agency**

**Item 4. Apprentice Identification Number,** RAPIDS encrypts the apprentice's social security number and generates a unique identification number to identify the apprentice. It replaces the social security number to protect the apprentice's privacy.

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\*The submission of the apprentice's social security number is requested. The apprentice's social security number will be used for program management purposes, such as verification of the apprentice's period of employment and earnings to align with Department of Labor's job training and employment program performance indicators for measuring performance outcomes. The Office of Apprenticeship will use wage records through the State Wage Interchange System needs the apprentice's social security number to match this number against the employers' wage records. Also, the apprentice's social security number will be used, if appropriate, for purposes of the Davis Bacon Act of 1931, as amended, U.S. Code Title 40, Sections 276a to 276a-7, and Title 29 CFR part 5, to verify and certify to the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, that the apprentice is a registered apprentice to ensure that the employer is complying with the geographic prevailing wage of the occupational classification. Failure to disclose an apprentice's social security number on this form will not affect the right to be registered as an apprentice. Civil and criminal provisions of the Privacy Act apply to any unlawful disclosure of social security numbers, which is prohibited.

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Persons are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average five minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits under 29 U.S.C. 50. Send comments regarding this burden or any other aspect of this collection of information including suggestions for reducing this burden to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-5321, Washington, D.C. 20210 (OMB Control Number 1205-0223).

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## Voluntary Disability Disclosure

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Please check one of the boxes below:

- ☐ YES, I HAVE A DISABILITY (or previously had a disability)
- ☐ NO, I DON'T HAVE A DISABILITY
- ☐ I DON'T WISH TO ANSWER

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you being asked to complete this form?**

Because we are a sponsor of a registered apprenticeship program and participate in the National Registered Apprenticeship System that is regulated by the U.S. Department of Labor, we must reach out to, enroll, and provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship to qualified people with disabilities.<sup>[1]</sup> To help us learn how well we are doing, we are asking you to tell us if you have a disability or if you ever had a disability. Completing this form is voluntary, but we hope that you will choose to fill it out. If you are applying for apprenticeship, any answer you give will be kept private and will not be used against you in any way.

If you already are an apprentice within our registered apprenticeship program, your answer will not be used against you in any way. Because a person may become disabled at any time, we are required to ask all of our apprentices at the time of enrollment, and then remind them yearly, that they may update their information. You may voluntarily self-identify as having a disability on this form without fear of any punishment because you did not identify as having a disability earlier.

**How do I know if I have a disability?**

You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history or record of such an impairment or medical condition. Disabilities include, but are not limited to: blindness, deafness, cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, autism, cerebral palsy, HIV/AIDS, schizophrenia, muscular dystrophy, bipolar disorder, major depression, multiple sclerosis (MS), missing limbs or partially missing limbs, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), obsessive compulsive disorder, impairments requiring the use of a wheelchair, and intellectual disability (previously called mental retardation).

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<sup>[1]</sup> Part 30 – Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship. For more information about this form or the equal employment obligations of Federal contractors, visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship website at <https://www.doleta.gov/OA/eoo/>.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP**

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP  
(If Required please type or print all information, attach additional apprentices on separate sheet)  
(This Application is optional, for Sponsor utilizing Electronic Registration)

**Sponsor Information**

Sponsor:	Program #:
Address:	Contact Name:
City, State, Zip:	Phone:

**Apprentice Information**

Full Name of Apprentice:
Apprentice Registration Number:
Occupation:
Term:
Registration Date:
Date of Completion:
Completion Wage:

**Related Instruction Certification**

Related Instruction Hours completed:
Related Instruction Furnished By:
Teacher(s) or Director(s) of Related Instruction Certifying to above information:
Name: _____ Address: _____

**Request for Certificate**

On behalf of the above-named sponsor, I hereby certify that the apprentice named in the application has satisfactorily completed and is working at the Journeyworker Level of his/her apprenticeship program as registered with the Office of Apprenticeship and hereby recommend the issuance of the **Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship**

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office of Apprentice use only:**

Date Entered in RAPIDS (if required): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Certificate Sent: \_\_\_\_\_





## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP

### APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP

*(If Required please type or print all information, attach additional apprentices on separate sheet)*

*(This Application is optional, for Sponsor utilizing Electronic Registration)*

#### **Authentication of Requests for Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship**

Where the Office of Apprenticeship is the Registration Agency, issuance of a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship to apprentices upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of the apprenticeship program as established in these Standards, the sponsor certifies to the Registration Agency and requests the awarding of a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship to the completing apprentice(s). Such requests are completed either electronically using the Registered Apprenticeship Partner Information System (RAPIDS) or in writing using this form from the sponsor to the appropriate field office.

#### **General Guidance**

The sponsor will verify that the apprentice has completed all requirements of apprenticeship including a signed copy of transcripts from the sponsor, provider or sponsor of the related instruction. The field office representative shall have in evidence an electronic or written Application for Certification of Completion of Apprenticeship.

When a large number of apprentices are completing at the same time from the same occupation, one application form from the sponsor can be used with an attached list of pertinent information for the completing apprentices. When the sponsor has more than one occupation or more than one employer, the sponsor should complete separate forms for each occupation and employer, following the procedure above.

The occupation identified, must be the occupation title as listed in the most current List of Officially Recognized Apprenticeable Occupations. For sponsors who use a slightly different occupational title, OA staff may use the sponsor's title as long as the officially recognized occupational title is included in parenthesis under the sponsor's occupational title. Please see attached "sample" for reference.

The term "journeyman, journeyworker, journeyperson, etc." should not be included in the occupational title. These terms are used to describe a level of competency rather than an occupational title.

In rare instances where a program sponsor may utilize such a term above in their occupational title and that terminology is consistently used within their organization and training materials, OA staff may use that terminology on the sponsor's occupational title as long as the officially recognized occupational title is listed in parenthesis under the sponsor's title. The practice of using a level of competency in the occupational title should be discouraged when possible.

The sponsor's name on the Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship shall be as it is registered and approved in their apprenticeship standards.

The date completed shall be the date of completion as indicated on the request form.

#### **Issuance of Replacement OA Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship**

Replacement certificate requests shall be verified with undeniable proof that an original certificate was either issued or requested by the sponsor. This shall be verified through OA's records or the program sponsor's records. In the event a field office has no proof, yet a program sponsor does, or vice versa, a copy of that proof shall be sent to the field office and included in the program folder. The term "**Replacement Certificate**" shall be printed in 12 pt. font size on the replacement certificate in the space centered between the last line of type and the U.S. Department of Labor seal.

The Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship shall not be used for any other purpose than completion of a Registered Apprenticeship program.



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## **Appendix D**

### **EMPLOYER ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT**

#### **ADOPTED BY**

#### **Electrician JATC, Mason City**

**DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP**

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## Appendix D

### **EMPLOYER ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT**

The undersigned employer hereby subscribes to the provisions of the Apprenticeship Standards formulated and registered by the **Electrician JATC, Mason City** and agree(s) to carry out the intent and purpose of said Standards for (ELECTRICIAN) and accompanying Appendices and to abide by the rules and decisions of the Sponsor established under these Apprenticeship Standards. The undersigned employer further agrees to allow the **Electrician JATC, Mason City** to access the employer's records to confirm compliance with the terms of the Apprenticeship Standards and requirements of 29 CFR Part 29, subpart A, and Part 30. The Employer has been furnished a copy of the Standards and have read and understood them, and request certification to train apprentices under the provisions of these Standards. On-the-job, the apprentice is hereby assured qualified training personnel and adequate supervision during the apprenticeship. The training should follow the approved Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline including the rotation of tasks. The employer further agrees to follow the selection procedures per the approved Standards consistent with the requirements set forth in 29 CFR § 30.10(b). This employer acceptance agreement will remain in effect until canceled voluntarily or revoked by the Sponsor, Employer, or the Registration Agency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Employer Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Sponsor Representative)

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(On Behalf of Employer)

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(On Behalf of Sponsor)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

NAICS Code (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Identification Number (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Registration Agency



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# Appendix F

## EEO Policies and Procedures

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### EEO Policies and Procedures

#### I. Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity

National data analyzed by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOE) reflects that in people of diverse race and ethnicity, women and individuals with disabilities have not shared proportionately in the rewards and opportunities within many industries and occupations. DOE determined, in revising the regulations in 29 C.F.R. Part 30, that more aggressive action is needed to attract, select, and retain qualified applicants into apprenticeship programs, including more individuals of diverse race and ethnicity, women, and individuals with disabilities.

The IBEW-NECA segment of the Electrical Construction Industry has vigorously attempted to maintain an open-door application policy regardless of race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, and other protected characteristics. The JATC will engage in reasonable equal opportunity and affirmative action measures intended to increase the recruitment of qualified minorities, females, and individuals with disabilities who apply for, are selected, and ultimately become Journeyworkers.

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* has developed, and the JATC has or will be adopting these EEO Policies and Procedures set out in this Appendix F, and the Affirmative Action Plan in Appendix C. The JATC is committed to the concept and practice of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action in all aspects of its apprenticeship programs and services. No apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship, or any other participant in JATC programs or services, will be treated differently or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, disability, or other characteristics or conduct protected by state or local law as set out in the EEO Pledge.

The EEO Policies and Procedures and Affirmative Action Plan are intended to comply with, and shall be interpreted consistent with, the affirmative action obligations under 29 C.F.R. Part 30, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act (GINA) and any other federal, state or local non-discrimination laws applicable to the JATC. If the JATC is or in the future becomes a recipient of federal financial assistance, through grants or otherwise, these policies and procedures will be interpreted to be consistent with the applicable laws, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Age Discrimination Act, and Title IX of the Education Amendments.

These EEO Policies and Procedures and the AA Plan will remain in effect until they are updated by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*, or until the JATC determines (based on its annual review) that there is a need to make amendments or revisions. Any and all changes must be submitted to the *electrical training ALLIANCE* and the Registration Agency for approval before implementation.

#### II. Responsibility for Implementation

The coordination of responsibility for implementation of the EEO/AA Plan and any related policies and practices is assigned by the Committee to the Training Director who shall serve as the JATC's EEO/AA Coordinator. The EEO/AA Coordinator has the full resources, support of and access to JATC, Local Union and Local Chapter leadership to insure effective implementation. The designation of a responsible person, as required by DOE regulations, does not relieve the Committee from its obligation to ensure compliance with 29 C.F.R. Part 30 and applicable laws, or the effective implementation of this EEO/AA Plan.

The duties and responsibilities of the EEO/AA Coordinator include, but are not limited to:

- Monitoring all registered apprenticeship activity to insure compliance with the non-discrimination and affirmative action obligations;
- Developing and implementing EEO/AA policies;
- Developing and implementing internal and external communication techniques;
- Identifying potential problem areas;
- Assisting the JATC and others to arrive at solutions to identified problems;
- Serving as liaison between the JATC and enforcement agencies;
- Serving as liaison between the JATC and organizations, community action groups or other entities concerned with employment opportunities for minorities, women and individuals with disabilities;
- Keeping the JATC, Local Union and Local Chapter informed of the latest developments in the equal opportunity area;
- Meeting with the NECA Chapter and contractors as appropriate to make certain that they are familiar with the latest developments in equal opportunity and addressing issues on the job;
- Maintaining required records;
- Generating and submitting reports as required by the relevant Registration Agency; and
- Designing and implementing auditing and reporting systems that, on an annual basis (as appropriate) will measure the effectiveness of the EEO/AA Plan, determine the degree to which the JATC's goals and objectives are being attained, and identify any need for remedial action. This includes compliance with 29 CFR Part 30 requirements for annual self-evaluation, and validation of all selection procedures to ensure they meet the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures.

### **III. Dissemination of EEO/AA Plan**

The JATC will inform all applicants for apprenticeship, apprentices, and individuals who operate or administer any aspect of the registered apprenticeship program, of its commitment to equal opportunity and its affirmative action obligations. At a minimum, the JATC will:

- Publish its Equal Opportunity Pledge in the Apprenticeship Standards and in other relevant publications, such as the JATC's Rules and Policies; newsletters; recruitment publications and other appropriate publications; other documents disseminated by JATC; or documents that otherwise describe the nature of the sponsorship;
- Post its Equal Opportunity Pledge on its website and bulletin boards, and through electronic media, to ensure that it is accessible to all apprentices and apprenticeship applicants;
- Conduct orientation information sessions for new apprentices, and periodic information sessions for apprentices, JATC staff, instructors and the JATC;
- Provide the EEO/AA Plan to the leadership of the Local Union and NECA Chapter; and,
- Provide copies of the EEO Pledge and other information to participating employers for their employees who are connected with the administration or operation of the apprenticeship program.

### **IV. Anti-Harassment Training**

As part of its efforts, the JATC will provide periodic anti-harassment training for all apprentices, JATC staff, instructors, and Committee members. This training must be attended in-person or be completed via interactive online training. The training must communicate, at minimum, the following: (a) that harassing conduct will not

be tolerated; (b) the definition of harassment and the types of conduct that constitute unlawful harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, and disability; and, (c) the right to file a harassment complaint.

The JATC will also take steps, in consultation with the Local NECA Chapter, to ensure that all individuals connected with the administration or operation of the apprenticeship program will receive similar anti-harassment training, including all supervisors and Journeyworkers who work with apprentices.

## **V. Universal Outreach and Recruitment**

The JATC will implement measures to ensure that its outreach and recruitment efforts for apprentices extend to all persons available for apprenticeship within the sponsor's relevant recruitment area without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex (pregnancy, gender identity), sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability. These actions are identified in Appendix C.

## **VI. Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity**

The JATC does not, and will not, discriminate against an apprentice or applicant, or any other participants in JATC programs and services, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability with regard to any aspect of its apprenticeship programs, including but not limited to recruitment, outreach, and selection procedures, grading, assessment, and advancement; on-the-job opportunities and assignments; rates of pay; imposition of penalties or other disciplinary action and termination; and, any other benefit, term, condition, or privilege associated with apprenticeship.

## **VII. Selection of Apprentices**

The JATC's procedures for selection of apprentices are included in its Standards and Selection Procedures described in Appendix A.

The JATC has reviewed its apprentice selection methods and has determined that they meet the following requirements:

- Compliance with the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures ("UGESP") and 29 C.F.R. Part 30, including the requirements to evaluate the impact of the selection procedures on race, sex, and ethnic groups (Hispanic or Latino/non-Hispanic or Latino); to demonstrate job-relatedness and business necessity for those procedures that may result in adverse impact in accordance with the requirements of UGESP; and to annually review its processes.
- The selection procedures are uniformly and consistently applied to all applicants and apprentices.
- The selection procedures comply with Title I of the ADA and the EEOC's implementing regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 1630.
- The selection procedures are facially neutral in terms of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, and disability.
- The selection procedures do not screen out or tend to screen out individuals with disabilities or classes of individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability. To the extent this does occur, the standard, test, and other selection criteria, are job related for the position in question and are consistent with business necessity.

## **VIII. Prohibition of Harassment**

The JATC does not tolerate conduct, whether intentional or unintentional or verbal or physical, that results in harassment of an individual or group, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work and training environment, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, disability, or other protected characteristics.



The JATC has developed and implemented procedures to prevent and address harassment of apprentices, including the following activities:

- Communicate to all individuals involved with the Apprenticeship Program that harassing conduct will not be tolerated.
- Provide anti-harassment training to all apprentices, JATC staff, and Committee members, and work with participating Employers to ensure that similar training is provided to all of their employees who have dealings with or supervisor apprentices.
- Make all facilities and apprenticeship activities available without regard to any protected characteristic; and,
- Establish and implement procedures for investigating and resolving complaints of harassment.

The JATC expects its employees, apprentices, and Employers and their employees, to treat each other with respect and dignity. Discriminatory harassment not only hurts the immediate victim but can result in a general atmosphere in which the purpose of the apprenticeship and training program is undermined.

All managers, supervisors, instructors, employees, and apprentices have a responsibility to maintain an environment free of unlawful harassment. JATC employees or apprentices who engage in such conduct will be disciplined, up to and including termination of employment or from the program. Employers who engage in such conduct against apprentices, or who permit their employees to do so, may be denied access to apprentices.

Unlawful discriminatory harassment is defined as unwelcome and unsolicited conduct when:

- Submission to such conduct is either explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of an individual's employment; submission to or reject of such conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting the individual; or,
- Such conduct has the purpose of effect or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

Examples of conduct that may be discriminatory harassment if based upon protected characteristics include:

- Epithets, slurs, negative stereotyping, or threatening intimidating or hostile acts that relate to an individual's characteristics:
- Graphic, abusive, degrading, intimidating, or offensive jokes, comments, remarks, or gestures directed at an individual.
- Physical contact or intimidation against an individual;
- Teasing, tricks, gossip, workplace slights;
- Display of pictures, posters, graffiti, objects, or other materials; or,
- Other conduct intended to harass, intimidate, or retaliate against an individual or group based on protected characteristics.

Complaints of harassment should be made under the Complaint Procedures.

## **IX. Reasonable Accommodation Because of Religion**

Under Title VII, the prohibition on discrimination based upon religion includes the obligation to make reasonable accommodations for religious beliefs or practices unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship. The definition of "undue hardship" for religious accommodations is imposing a more than a *de minimus* burden on the Employer, program, or others.

Apprentices who believe they need a modification or adjustment of any JATC Rules and Policies or other aspects of the apprenticeship because of their religious practices and beliefs should make the request in writing to the

EEO/AA Coordinator. If the request involves on-the-job training or an Employer, the request must also be made to that Employer. In some cases, documentation may be needed. Certain requests may require review and approval by the JATC. The ability to accommodate absences from mandatory classes may be limited by the JATC's absence policy and the availability of make-up classes.

#### **X. Retaliation Prohibited**

The JATC will not tolerate any form of intimidation, coercion, threats, adverse actions, or other forms of retaliation against an applicant or apprentice who has: (i) made an internal or external complaint of discrimination or harassment on the basis of protected characteristics or other alleged violation of this EEO/AAP or applicable federal, state, or local equal opportunity law, or otherwise opposed any unlawful discriminatory practices; (ii) furnished information to, or assisted or participated in any manner, in any investigation, compliance review, proceeding, or hearing under these policies or under any federal, state, or local equal opportunity law; or, (iii) otherwise exercised any rights and privileges under this EEO/AA Plan, 29 C.F.R. Part 30 or any federal, state, or local equal opportunity law. These are collectively "protected activities".

All persons contacted in the course of an investigation will be advised that they and other individuals involved in a complaint are entitled to be treated in a professional and respectful manner, and that any retaliation or reprisal against an individual based upon protected activities is prohibited and could result in discipline up to, and including, termination of employment or discharge from the program.

Complaints of retaliation should be made under the Complaint Procedures in Section XVI.

#### **XI. Employer Responsibilities**

Employers who provide on-the-job training to apprentices in this program are expected to work cooperatively with the JATC on EEO matters and this EEO/AA Plan. IBEW-NECA apprenticeship programs have always worked cooperatively with contractors and the Local Union to prevent and address discrimination and harassment of apprentices on the job. DOL regulations under 29 C.F.R. Part 30 impose obligations on JATCs concerning on-the-job discrimination and harassment. The JATC will develop new processes, in consultation with the Local NECA Chapter and the Local Union, to address these issues.

Employers are expected to establish their own policies against discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, including procedures for filing, investigating, and resolving of complaints. Employers should understand that under federal, state, and local anti-discrimination laws, they may be responsible for harassment of apprentices by their supervisory employees and under some circumstances, by co-workers. The failure of an Employer to take appropriate action regarding an apprentice's complaint of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation on the job may result in the contractor being denied access to apprentices in the program.

#### **XII. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance**

The JATC is committed to compliance with the requirements of the ADA and other laws protecting persons with disabilities. The JATC will not discriminate against qualified applicants or persons with disabilities in its application, testing, selection, or training opportunities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided unless they would impose an undue hardship or result in a fundamental alteration of the program.

The JATC is also committed to helping apprentices with disabilities in dealing with Employers that provide on-the-job training. Apprentices who believe they have been subjected to discrimination or denied reasonable accommodation by an Employer should bring the matter to the attention of the EEO/AA Coordinator.

#### **XIII. Mentoring and Other Support for Apprentices**

The JATC acknowledges DOL's concerns that in many industries, including the construction industry, women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities have a higher drop-out or termination rate than others. The JATC recognizes that these traditionally underrepresented groups, as well as others who lack experience with unionized apprenticeship, the building trades, or the electrical construction industry; often struggle in their first year. The JATC will seek to address these concerns through the following activities:

- X Tracking and monitoring retention rates for women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities, as well as those without prior experience with unionized apprenticeship, the building trades, or the electrical industry;
- X Establishing pre-apprenticeship programs for underrepresented or non-traditional applicants;
- X Mentoring programs involving instructors, senior apprentices, journeymen, and/or other apprentices;
- X Consideration of other best practices for retention in the unionized electrical industry and building trades; and,
- X Other actions described Affirmative Action Plan.

#### **XIV. Other Participants in JATC Programs**

The JATC is committed to the principles of non-discrimination in all programs and activities of the JATC. The JATC may, consistent with DOL OA and ERISA requirements, engage in certain activities where there are participants other than apprentices or applicants for apprenticeship. Examples may include training programs that are open to Journeyworkers, Employers and their employees involved in apprenticeship, and Pre-Apprenticeship programs. When the JATC directly conducts or oversees any such programs or activities, it will not discriminate on the basis of Protected Characteristics and follow, where applicable, the following provisions of these EEO Policies and Procedures: Non-Discrimination; Harassment; Reasonable Accommodation and Religion; Retaliation; ADA, and Internal Complaint Procedures.

Participants in these programs and activities may or may not be protected under federal or state EEO laws. Nothing in this EEO/AA Plan should be interpreted as waiving any rights of the JATC or creating any enforceable obligations not imposed by law.

#### **XV. Targeted Outreach, Recruitment and Retention**

The JATC will undertake action-oriented programs, including targeted outreach, recruitment, and retention activities, designed to correct any problem areas it may identify as a result of the review of its processes and any finding of underutilization of minorities, women, Hispanics or Latinos, and individuals with disabilities, as a result of the analysis.

The JATC makes a good faith effort to increase each year the recruitment, selection, and retention of individuals who are minorities, females, Hispanic or Latino, or individuals with disabilities until its Affirmative Action goals are met. The JATC will engage in the affirmative action activities described in the Affirmative Action Plan (Appendix C).

#### **XVI. Complaint Procedures**

##### **A. Internal Complaints**

1. All apprentices and applicants for apprenticeship have a right to and are encouraged to report any form of alleged discrimination or harassment that they may encounter in the administration or operation of this apprenticeship program on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, disability, or other protected characteristics, or retaliation for protected activity. This includes any complaints of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation by the JATC, its staff or instructors, or other apprentices, whether in class, on-the-job or otherwise; or that occurs on-the-job by contractors, Journeyworkers, or others.
2. JATC instructors and staff are expected to promptly report to the EEO/AA Coordinator any incident that they observe or learn of that may involve discrimination, harassment, or retaliation in violation of this EEO/AA Plan. Instructors should also act promptly to stop and reprimand any discrimination or harassment that they may observe.

3. All apprentices are encouraged to report to the EEO/AA Coordinator any incident that they observe or learn of that may involve discrimination, harassment, or retaliation of fellow apprentices in violation of this EEO/AA Plan, whether occurring during related instruction or on-the-job.
4. All applicants for apprenticeship and all apprentices will be provided with written note of their right to file a discrimination complaint and the procedures for doing so. Apprentices are not required to use this internal complaint procedure before filing a formal complaint with outside agencies, and filing an internal complaint does not limit an apprentice's rights to use other complaint procedures.
5. All complaints regarding discrimination or harassment should be submitted to the EEO/AA Coordinator or an individual designated by the EEO/AA Coordinator or the Training Director. Complaints may be made in writing or orally, and anonymous complaints will be accepted. A complaint of harassment may be made by someone who is not the target of harassment. Complaints should be filed as soon as possible after the alleged discrimination in order to allow prompt investigation. Complaints that are made more than 180 days after the date of the alleged discrimination may be accepted for good cause.
6. Complaints of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation will be fully investigated. Complaints and information obtained in the course of an investigation will be treated as confidential to the extent consistent with the JATC's obligations under this EEO/AA Plan. The investigation process may vary based upon the nature of the complaint. For example, when alleged harassment occurs on the job, the JATC will typically notify the Employer, which will typically have the right and duty to investigate and take appropriate action. Employers are expected to notify the JATC when an incident on the job involves apprentices.
7. Any JATC employee or apprentice found to have committed an act of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation will be immediately disciplined. The nature of the discipline imposed will depend on the nature and severity of the misconduct and other factors, up to termination of employment or termination of apprentices from the program.

## **B. External Complaints**

Any apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship who believes that he or she has been or is being discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability, with regard to apprenticeship, or who believes he or she has been retaliated against, may, personally or through an authorized representative, file a written complaint with the DOE, EEOC, state or local fair employment practices agency, and/or the state apprenticeship bureau. The JATC has posted and distributed the DOE Notice describing "Your Right to Equal Opportunity" and included this notice on its website. A copy is attached as Exhibit A. The details of other rights are included in the Standards and the Rules and Policies.

## **XVII. Invitation to Self-Identify**

The JATC is required under federal regulations to analyze its recruitment, selection, and retention as part of its Affirmative Action Plan (See Appendix C). To assist in this process the JATC will invite applicants and apprentices to voluntarily self-identify their gender, race, ethnicity, and disability using the for set out in Appendix D. This will be done at the time and manner permitted by 29 C.F.R. Part 30. The JATC will not compel or coerce any individual to self-identify. All information on self-identification will be kept confidential and used only for statistical analysis and reporting under the EEO/AA Plan. The JATC may also inquire whether an individual who discloses a disability requires any reasonable accommodations to participate in the apprenticeship program.

The JATC invites applicants and apprentices with disabilities to self-identify by using the appropriate forms as follows:

- When an applicant applies or is considered for apprenticeship, the JATC will provide the applicant with a voluntary form at the same time that it invites the applicant to self-identify with respect to other characteristics.
- At any time after acceptance into the apprenticeship program, but before the individual begins the program, the JATC will provide a copy of the form to each new apprentice.
- The JATC will annually notify all apprentices of their ability to voluntarily self-identify as a person with a disability.
- The JATC will post a copy of the “Voluntary Self-Identification of Disability” form on its intranet in the event an apprentice’s status changes and the apprentice would like to self-identify.

The JATC will also note in its records that an apprentice is an individual with a disability when: (i) the disability is obvious; or (ii) when an applicant or apprentice requests accommodation for a physical or mental impairment that meets the definition of a disability under the ADA. Unless the JATC receives information from an apprentice that a disability has ended, the JATC will continue to include in its records that the person has a disability.

### **XVIII. Recordkeeping**

As part of its EEO/AA obligations the JATC must collect and maintain records, including but not limited to records relating to:

- Selection for apprenticeship, including applications, tests and test results, interview notes, bases for selection or rejection, and any other records required to be maintained under the Uniform Requirements on Employee Selection Procedures (“UGESP”); requirements of Section 30.3, Equal Opportunity Standards;
- The invitation to self-identify as an individual with a disability;
- Information relative to the operation of the apprenticeship program, including but not limited to job assignments in all components of the occupation, promotion, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, conditions of work, hours of work, hours of training provided;
- Any other records relevant to EEO complaints filed with the Registration Agency or with other enforcement agencies;
- Requests for reasonable accommodation; and
- Any other records pertinent to a determination of compliance with 29 C.F.R. Part 30, including those required by 29 C.F.R. §§ 30.5, 30.6, 30.7, 30.8, 30.9, and 30.11.

DOL regulations require that for any record the JATC maintains pursuant to this part, the JATC must be able to identify the race, sex, ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino/non-Hispanic or Latino) and, when known, disability status of each apprentice, and where possible, the race, sex, ethnicity, and disability status of each applicant to apprenticeship, and to supply this information upon request to the Registration Agency. Although DOL prefers voluntary self-identification as the method of collecting information regarding race, gender, ethnicity, and disability, DOL permits other methods to be used, including information provided in post-selection, employment records, or visual observation, if there is a factual basis (such as visual observation of gender or obvious physical disabilities; requests for accommodations; or complaints or comments by the applicant or apprentice disclosing race, gender, ethnicity or disability). The JATC will not guess or assume the gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of an applicant or apprentice.

All required records shall be maintained in accordance with law. The JATC will permit access to the Registration Agency during normal business hours to its places of business for the purpose of conducting EEO compliance reviews and complaint investigations and inspecting, copying such books, accounts, and records, including

electronic records, and any other material the Registration Agency deems relevant to the matter under investigation and pertinent to compliance.

#### **XIX. Internal Review of Program Processes and Effectiveness**

As required by 29 C.F.R. Part 30, the JATC engages in an annual review to ensure that it is operating the apprenticeship program free from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, and disability. This review is a careful, thorough, and systematic review of all aspects of the apprenticeship program at the program industry and occupation level, including, but not limited to: Qualifications for apprenticeship; Application and selection procedures; wages; outreach and recruitment activities; advancement opportunities; promotions; work assignments; job performance; rotations among all work processes of the occupation; disciplinary actions; handling of requests for reasonable accommodations; the program's accessibility to individuals with disabilities, including access to the use of information; and communication technologies.

Following this review, the JATC will include a description of its review as part of the Affirmative Action Plan in Appendix C. The updated report should be part of the AAP.



# Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors

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This document accompanies and supplements the “Apprenticeship Standards” developed by the U.S. Department of Labor Office, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship. Sponsors are required to comply with the requirements in Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 29, subpart A and part 30 at all times, and part 29, subpart A and part 30 shall control in the event of conflict or ambiguity with this document. In addition to the requirements listed in the Apprenticeship Standards, sponsors should be aware of and must comply with the additional requirements listed in this document. There are two types of Boilerplate Standards, one for the programs jointly operated with a union, and one for those programs operating without a union.

**Page 1 of the Boilerplate Standards is for Government usage and left blank. The OA Administrator registers the National Apprenticeship Standards and certifies National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards. Regional or State Director register local standards.**





## SECTION I – STANDARDS OF APPRENTICESHIP 29 CFR § 29.5

### A. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPONSOR:**

**Apprenticeship Agreement:** Prior to signing the apprenticeship agreement, each selected applicant must be given an opportunity to read and review the sponsor's Apprenticeship Standards approved by the Office of Apprenticeship, the sponsor's written rules and policies, the apprenticeship agreement, and the sections of any collective bargaining agreement (CBA) that pertain to apprenticeship. After selection of an applicant for apprenticeship, but before employment as an apprentice or enrollment in related instruction, the apprentice must be covered by a written apprenticeship agreement, which must be submitted to the Office of Apprenticeship. Such submission can be done electronically through the Registered Apprenticeship Partner Information Data System ("RAPIDS"), using the Apprentice Electronic Registration process, or on ETA Form 671. Sponsors will receive their username and login information for RAPIDS upon registration. The Sponsor must advise the Registration Agency within 45 days of the execution of each new apprenticeship agreement. The sponsor also must provide a copy of the completed apprenticeship agreement to the apprentice, the employer, and the union, if any. The sponsor must provide the Office of Apprenticeship a signed copy of ETA Form 671 indicating that the employer (if not the sponsor), the union (if applicable), and the apprentice have received the completed apprenticeship agreement. If the apprentice is a Veteran, the sponsor must provide an additional copy to a veteran's state approving agency, for any veteran apprentice desiring access to benefits to which they are entitled.

**Safety and Health Training:** All apprentices must receive instruction in safe and healthful work practices. Both on the job and related instruction are to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor under 29 U.S.C. 651 et seq., or State standards that have been found to be at least as effective as the Federal standards.

**Maintenance of Records:** Program sponsors are responsible for maintaining, at a minimum, the following records: summary of the qualifications of each applicant; basis for evaluation and for selection or rejection of each applicant, including applications, tests, and test results; records pertaining to interviews; the invitation to self-identify as an individual with a disability; records of each apprentice's On-the-Job Learning ("OJL"); related instruction reviews and evaluations; progress evaluations; record of job assignments, including job assignments in components of the occupation; records pertaining to the promotion, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, conditions of work, hours of work, hours of training provided, and any personnel records relevant to equal employment opportunity ("EEO") complaints filed with the Office of Apprenticeship or with other enforcement agencies. The sponsor must maintain all records related to compliance with EEO standards required by 29 CFR § 30.3. Program sponsors must also maintain all records relating to apprenticeship applications (whether selected or not), including, but not limited to, the sponsor's outreach, recruitment, interview, and selection process. Sponsors must also retain records related to reasonable accommodations.

All records retained pursuant to part 30 must clearly identify the race, sex, ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino/non-Hispanic or Latino), and when known, disability status of each apprentice, and where possible, the race, sex, ethnicity, and disability status of each applicant for apprenticeship. Each sponsor required under 29 CFR § 30.4 to develop and maintain an affirmative action program must retain both the written affirmative action plan and



documentation of its component elements set forth in 29 CFR §§ 30.5, 30.6, 30.7, 30.8, 30.9, and 30.11. All such records are the property of the sponsor and must be maintained for a period of five (5) years from the date of the making of the record or the personnel action involved, whichever occurs later. Records must be made available to the Office of Apprenticeship upon request in such form as the Office of Apprenticeship may determine is necessary to ascertain whether the sponsor has complied or is complying with its obligations.

**Transfer:** The transfer of an apprentice between apprenticeship programs and within an apprenticeship program must be based on agreement between the apprentice and the affected apprenticeship committees or program sponsors and must comply with the following requirements:

(1) The transferring apprentice must be provided a transcript of related instruction and OJL by the committee or program sponsor; (2) Transfer must be to the same occupation; and (3) A new apprenticeship agreement must be executed when the transfer occurs between the program sponsors. The apprentice must receive credit from the new sponsor for the training already satisfactorily completed.

**Registration, Cancellation, Suspension, and Deregistration:** The Office of Apprenticeship may initiate deregistration of a sponsor's standards upon request of the sponsor or for failure of the sponsor to abide by the provisions herein and those contained in its Apprenticeship Standards. Such deregistration actions will be in accordance with the Office of Apprenticeship's applicable regulations and procedures.

The sponsor must notify each apprentice of the cancellation of the program and its effect on active apprentices. If the Registration Agency requests the deregistration of the apprenticeship program, the sponsor will notify active apprentice(s) within 15 days of the effective date of the deregistration. The sponsor's notification to its apprentices must specify (1) the effective date of deregistration; (2) that such cancellation automatically deprives apprentices of individual registration; (3) that the deregistration removes the apprentice from coverage for Federal purposes, and; (4) that all apprentices may contact the Office of Apprenticeship for information regarding potential transfer to other registered apprenticeship programs.

Where the Office of Apprenticeship, as a result of a compliance review, complaint investigation, or other reason, determines that the sponsor is not operating its apprenticeship program in accordance with part 30, the Office of Apprenticeship must notify the sponsor in writing of the specific violation and offer technical assistance or suspend the sponsor's right to register new apprentices if the sponsor fails to implement a compliance action to correct the specific violation.

**Amendments and Modifications:** A sponsor must submit a request to its Office of Apprenticeship to amend its Apprenticeship Standards or an apprenticeship agreement. Amendments may be requested by contacting the Office of Apprenticeship using its preferred contact information as listed in Section K of the Apprenticeship Standards and must be agreed upon by all parties to the original Standards (i.e., the employer, committee, and union—note that individual apprentices are not parties to the Standards). Amendments and modification may include notice of transfers, suspensions, and cancellations of apprenticeship agreements and a statement of the reasons therefore. A copy of each amendment or modification adopted must be furnished by the sponsor to each apprentice, the Office of Apprenticeship, union (if applicable), and the apprentice to whom the amendment or modification applies.



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**Compliance with Federal Law:** The sponsor and all entities must comply with all applicable Federal law and regulations in operating the apprenticeship program.

**B. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

An apprentice must be at least 16 years old unless applicable law requires a higher age. Sponsors may note additional minimum qualifications in Section B of their apprenticeship standards where appropriate. Sponsors are prohibited from using discriminatory minimum qualifications.

**C. APPRENTICESHIP APPROACH AND TERM:**

The term of the occupation will be stated in Appendix A of the work process schedule and standards as time-based, hybrid, or competency-based with an OJL attainment of either hours or years, as applicable, supplemented by the required hours of related instruction. Sponsors that wish to register multiple occupations should attach a completed Appendix A for each occupation.

**Requests for Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship:** The sponsor must certify the completion to OA and request a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship for the completing apprentice(s). Such requests are completed either electronically or in writing using the Application for Certification of Completion of Apprenticeship Form in Appendix B.

**Request for a Certificate of Training:** A Certificate of Training (Interim Credential) may be requested from OA, only for a registered apprentice who has been certified by the sponsor as having successfully met the requirements to receive an interim credential as identified in the sponsor's standards. OA requires that a record of completed OJL and related instruction for the apprentice accompany such requests. Insert interim credentials in Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline at Appendix A.

**D. WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE AND RELATED INSTRUCTION OUTLINE:**

1. **Work Process Schedule.** As part of Appendix A, all sponsors must include a statement setting forth a schedule of the work processes in the occupation or industry divisions in which the apprentice is to be trained and the approximate time to be spent at each process. Sponsor(s) with multiple occupations must complete an Appendix A for each occupation. The sponsor may modify the work processes to meet local needs prior to submitting these Standards to the Office of Apprenticeship for approval. For free technical assistance in compiling a work process schedule, including numerous templates and examples, visit: [www.apprenticeship.gov](http://www.apprenticeship.gov).
2. **Related Instruction Outline.** As part of Appendix A, all sponsors must include an outline of an organized and systematic form of instruction designed to provide the apprentice with the knowledge of the theoretical and technical subjects related to the apprentice's occupation. A minimum of 144 hours for each year of apprenticeship is recommended. This instruction may be accomplished through media such as classroom, occupational or industry courses, electronic media, or other instruction. Generally, a Related Instruction Outline should include a list of the anticipated courses, the learning objectives, and the estimated number of hours that each course will last. For free technical assistance with compiling a Related Instruction Outline, visit: [www.apprenticeship.gov](http://www.apprenticeship.gov).



In addition to the OJL, during the apprenticeship, the apprentice must receive related instruction in all phases of the occupation necessary to develop the skill and proficiency of a journeyworker. Every apprentice is required to participate in related instruction in technical subjects related to the job as outlined as in Appendix A of the Apprenticeship Standards. Sponsors are not obligated to compensate apprentices for time spent in related instruction. Sponsors must specify in Section D of the Standards whether related instruction will be compensated. Sponsor's payment or agreement to pay apprentices for time spent in related instruction must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations related to apprentice wages.

The sponsor must secure the instructional aids and equipment it deems necessary to provide quality instruction. In cities, towns, or areas having no vocational schools or other schools that can furnish related instruction, the sponsor may require apprentices to complete the related instruction requirement through electronic media or other instruction approved by the Office of Apprenticeship. The sponsor must inform each apprentice of the availability of college credit, if applicable.

To the extent possible, related instruction should be closely correlated with the practical experience and training received on the job. The sponsor must monitor and document the apprentice's progress in related instruction classes. The sponsor must ensure that related instruction providers meet the State Department of Education's requirements for a vocational-technical instructor in the State of registration, or be a subject matter expert, such as a journeyworker. All related instruction providers must have training in teaching techniques and adult learning styles which may occur before or after the apprenticeship instructor has started to provide the related technical instruction.

**E. CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:**

Sponsors that provide apprentice applicants seeking credit for previous experience gained outside the supervision of the sponsor must accept the request at the time of application and request appropriate records and documentation to substantiate the claim. Prior to completion of the probationary period, the amount of credit to be awarded will be determined after review of the apprentice's previous work and training/education record and evaluation of the apprentice's performance and demonstrated skill and knowledge during the probationary period. An apprentice granted credit must be advanced to the wage rate designated for the period to which such credit accrues. The sponsor may grant credit toward the term of apprenticeship to new apprentices. The Office of Apprenticeship must be advised of any credit granted and the wage rate to which the apprentice is advanced within 45 days. Such notifications can be made in RAPIDS. The granting of advanced standing must apply to all applicants equally. If the sponsor plans to establish specific requirements for an apprentice to receive advanced standing, the sponsor should use the additional lines in Section E of the Apprenticeship Standards.

**F. PROBATIONARY PERIOD:**

During the probationary period, either the apprentice or the sponsor may terminate the apprenticeship agreement, without stated cause, by notifying the other party in writing. The sponsor will keep the records for each probationary apprentice. Records may consist of periodic reports regarding progression made in both the OJL and related instruction, and any disciplinary action taken during the probationary period. Any probationary apprentice evaluated as satisfactory after a review of the probationary period must be given full credit



for the probationary period and continue in the program.

When notified that an apprentice's related instruction or on-the-job progress is found to be unsatisfactory, the sponsor will determine whether the apprentice should continue in a probationary status and may require the apprentice to repeat a process or series of processes before advancing to the next wage classification.

After the probationary period, the apprenticeship agreement may be cancelled at the request of the apprentice or may be suspended or cancelled by the sponsor for reasonable cause after documented due notice to the apprentice and a reasonable opportunity for corrective action. For all cancellations, the sponsor must provide written notice to the apprentice and, within 45 days, notice to the Office of Apprenticeship of the action taken.

**G. RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEYWORKERS:**

In Appendix A, the prospective sponsor must establish a ratio of apprentice(s) to one or more journeyworker(s), except where such ratios are expressly prohibited by a CBA. The sponsor must comply with the registered ratio at all times.

**H. APPRENTICE WAGE SCHEDULE:**

Apprentices must be paid a progressively increasing schedule of wages during their apprenticeship based on the acquisition of increased skill and competence on the job and in related instruction. The progressive wage schedule, which may include fringe benefits, will be an increasing percentage of the fully proficient or journeyworker wage rate as provided for in Section H and Appendix A of the Apprenticeship Standards. The journeyworker wage rate will serve as the terminal wage that an apprentice will receive upon completion of the apprenticeship program. The entry wage must not be less than the minimum wage set by the Fair Labor Standards Act (including overtime), where applicable, unless a higher wage is required by other Federal or State law or regulation, or by collective bargaining agreement. The number of steps in the progressive wage scale, as depicted in Appendix A, may vary based on the length and complexity of the registered apprenticeship. The schedule of wages must increase consistent with the skills acquired by the apprentice.

**I. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM:**

- 1. Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Obligations.** Sponsors are required to comply with the equal opportunity pledge in Section I and II of the Apprenticeship Standards. Sponsors with five or more registered apprentices must develop an affirmative action plan within two years of registration as required by 29 CFR § 30.4 and update the plan upon the completion of workforce analyses required by 29 CFR §§30.5(b) and 30.7(d)(2), unless it is exempt from doing so under § 30.4(d)(2). In particular, Federal agencies and Federal contractors should consult with OA to see if they qualify for an exemption or if their current Affirmative Action Plans are applicable under the part 30 requirements.

All sponsors have a duty to take affirmative steps to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship according to 29 CFR § 30.3(b). The sponsor will designate an individual or individuals responsible for overseeing the sponsor's commitment to equal opportunity in registered apprenticeship, for monitoring apprenticeship activity to ensure compliance with EEO requirements, to maintain required records, and to generate reports. In addition to providing apprentices with the Equal Opportunity





Pledge contained in Section 1., sponsors must: post the pledge so that it is accessible to all apprentices and applicants, including posting through electronic media; conduct orientation and periodic information sessions (including anti-harassment training) for individuals involved in the apprenticeship program, including apprentices and journeyworkers who regularly work with apprentices; and maintain records to demonstrate compliance. Sponsors must engage in universal outreach and recruitment, including developing and updating an annual list of recruitment sources that will generate referrals from all demographic groups within the relevant recruitment area, identify a contact person, mailing address, telephone number, and email address for each recruitment source, and provide recruitment sources with advanced notice of apprenticeship openings. Sponsors must maintain apprenticeship programs free from harassment, intimidation and retaliation, including providing required anti-harassment training and addresses the right of apprentices to file a harassment complaint under 29 CFR § 30.14. Sponsors must make all facilities and apprenticeship activities available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability except that if the sponsor provides restrooms or changing facilities, the sponsor must provide separate or single-user restrooms and changing facilities to assure privacy between the sexes. Sponsors must establish and implement procedures for handling and resolving complaints about harassment and intimidation. Sponsors must comply with Federal and State EEO laws.

- 2. Discrimination/Retaliation Prohibited.** It is unlawful for a sponsor of a registered apprenticeship program to discriminate against an apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability with regard to: recruitment, outreach and selection procedures, hiring and/or placement, upgrading, periodic advancement, promotion, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff, and rehiring. Additionally, sponsors are prohibited from discrimination in rotation among work processes; imposition of penalties or other disciplinary action; rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation; conditions of work; hours of work and hours of training provided; job assignments; leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave; and any other benefit, term, condition, or privilege associated with apprenticeship. The Office of Apprenticeship will look to the legal standards and defenses applied under the Federal laws listed at 29 CFR § 30.3(a)(2) in determining whether a sponsor has engaged in an unlawful discriminatory practice.

It is also unlawful to intimidate, threaten, coerce, retaliate against, or discriminate against a participant in an apprenticeship program because the individual has: (1) filed a complaint alleging a violation of 29 CFR part 30; (2) opposed a practice prohibited by the provisions of 29 CFR part 30 or any other Federal or State equal opportunity law; (3) furnished information to, or assisted or participated in any manner, in any investigation, compliance review, proceeding, or hearing under 29 CFR part 30 or any Federal or State equal opportunity law; or (4) otherwise exercised any rights and privileges under the provisions of 29 CFR part 30.

- 3. Selection Procedures.** Sponsors are prohibited from using discriminatory selection procedures. The Office of Apprenticeship will review the selection procedures provided in Section I to ensure compliance with 29 CFR § 30.10. Selection Procedures



are required no matter how many apprentices are registered in the program. In sum, selection procedures must: (1) comply with the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures, including the requirements to evaluate the impact of the selection procedure on race, sex, and ethnic groups and, if any selection procedure results in an adverse impact against one of those groups, demonstrating that the procedure is job related and consistent with business necessity; (2) be uniformly and consistently applied to all applicants and apprentices within each selection procedure utilized; (3) comply with title I of the ADA and the EEOC's implementing regulations at part 1630, which includes that procedures must not screen out or tend to screen out individual(s) with disabilities unless the selection criteria is job related and consistent with business necessity; and (4) be facially neutral in terms of any protected category under part 30.

## **J. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES:**

Section J of the Apprenticeship Standards addresses four types of complaints; complaints covered by a CBA, complaints not covered by a CBA, complaints to the appropriate Office of Apprenticeship, and complaints alleging discrimination. Space is provided for the sponsor to fill-in the appropriate contact information for the contact person the sponsor wishes to designate to resolve disputes not governed by a CBA. The Office of Apprenticeship is responsible for resolving complaints that allege discrimination, or, that could not be resolved by the sponsor and do not involve a matter covered by a CBA. Space is provided for the Office of Apprenticeship to fill-in its preferred contact information. Nothing in these complaint procedures precludes an apprentice from pursuing any other remedy authorized under another Federal, State, or local law.

**EEO Complaint Procedures (29 CFR § 30.14).** An apprentice, applicant for apprenticeship, or authorized representative of an apprentice or applicant may file a complaint with the Registration Agency if the apprentice or applicant believes that:

- The apprentice or applicant has been discriminated against or harassed on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age (40 or older), genetic information, disability, sex, or sexual orientation with regard to apprenticeship.
- The apprentice or applicant has been retaliated against for the following:
  - Filing a complaint alleging a violation of 29 CFR part 30;
  - Opposing a practice prohibited by 29 CFR part 30 or federal or state equal opportunity law;
  - Furnishing information to, or assisting or participating in, an investigation or proceeding under 29 CFR part 30 or federal or state equal opportunity law;
  - Exercising any rights and privileges under 29 CFR part 30; or
  - Equal opportunity standards with respect to the apprentice's selection or any other benefit, term, condition, or privilege associated with apprenticeship have not been followed in the operation of an apprenticeship program.

**Complaints regarding discrimination.** Sponsors must provide written notice to all applicants for apprenticeship and all apprentices of their right to file a discrimination complaint and the procedures for doing so. The notice must include the address, phone number, and other contact information for the Registration Agency that will receive and investigate complaints filed under this part. The notice must be provided in the application





for apprenticeship and must be displayed in a prominent, publicly available location where all apprentices will see the notice. The notice must contain the specific wording set forth at 29 CFR §30.14(b).

**Other general complaints.** J.2 addresses complaints concerning issues covered by the apprenticeship agreement or standards, but not covered by a CBA or concerning discrimination or other equal opportunity matter. The sponsor will hear and attempt to resolve the matter locally if written notification from the apprentice is received within the timeframe described in J.2. Either party to the apprenticeship agreement may consult with the Registration Agency for an interpretation of any provision of these standards over which differences occur.

Such complaints must be in writing, signed by the complainant or the authorized representative, and must be submitted within 60 days of any final sponsor decision. The complaint must set forth the specific matter(s) complained of and state the relevant facts and circumstances. Copies of any pertinent documentation must accompany the complaint.

#### **K. OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

The Registration Agency is either the National Office of Apprenticeship or the local OA representative in which the standards are registered. General Contact information will be provided as part of the registration process.

## **SECTION II – APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS**

*Appendix A - Work Process Schedule, Related Instruction Outline, Apprentice Wage Schedule, Ratio of Apprentices to Journeyworkers, Type of Occupation, Term of Apprenticeship, Selection Procedures and Probationary Period: See Sections D, F, G, H, and I of this Reference Guide. Sponsor(s) with multiple occupations must complete an Appendix A for each occupation.*

*Appendix B (ETA Form 671 – Apprenticeship Agreement and Application for Certification of Completion of Apprenticeship: May be completed in RAPIDS after program registration.*

*Appendix C (Affirmative Action Plan (AAP): Sponsors are required to develop an AAP within two years of registration for programs with (5) five or more registered apprentices. Information and technical assistance materials relating to the creation and maintenance of an affirmative action plan will be made available on the Office of Apprenticeship's website.*

*Appendix D (Employer Acceptance Agreement): A sample agreement has been provided for employers who choose to sign on under the sponsor's approved standards. Please use Appendix D when developing standards for multiple employers.*

## **SECTION II PART 1 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROVISIONS (IF APPLICABLE)**

Section II Part 1 is for sponsors registering a program where the apprentices will be covered by a CBA. Such sponsors must furnish to the appropriate union a copy of its completed Apprenticeship Standards as well as all attachments. Normally, the appropriate union officials should sign in the designated spaces. However, if the union elects not to participate in the registration process, the Office of Apprenticeship will allow 45 days to receive union comments



before registering the program.

### **SECTION III - VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS MANDATED BY PUBLIC LAW 116-134 (134 STAT. 276)**

Pursuant to section 2(b)(1) of the Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116-134, 134 Stat. 276), Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors are required to provide a written assurance that the sponsor: (1) is aware of the availability of educational assistance for a veteran or other eligible individual under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code, for use in connection with a registered apprenticeship program; (2) will make a good faith effort to obtain approval for educational assistance described in paragraph (1) above for, at a minimum, each program location that employs or recruits an veteran or other eligible individual for educational assistance under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code; and (3) will not deny the application of a qualified candidate who is a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance described in paragraph (1) above for the purpose of avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain approval as described in paragraph (2) above.

This requirement applies to "any program applying to become a registered apprenticeship program on or after the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act" (i.e., September 22, 2020). Accordingly, apprenticeship programs that were registered by a Registration Agency before September 22, 2020, are not subject to this requirement.

### **SECTION IV – SIGNATURES**

The Program Sponsor(s) may designate the appropriate person(s) to sign the Standards on their behalf.

### **SECTION V – DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT *(Optional)***

Program Sponsors may indicate their preference and authorization for OA staff to share the Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline in Appendix A with other entities seeking to establish Apprenticeship Programs.

### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

1. **APPRENTICE:** Means a worker at least 16 years of age, except where a higher minimum age standard is otherwise fixed by law, who is employed to learn an apprenticeable occupation as provided in §29.4 under standards of apprenticeship fulfilling the requirements of §29.5.
2. **APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT:** Means a written agreement, complying with §29.7, between an apprentice and either the apprentice's program sponsor, or an apprenticeship committee acting as agent for the program sponsor(s), which contains the terms and conditions of the employment and training of the apprentice.
3. **APPRENTICESHIP APPROACHES:**
  - a. **COMPETENCY-BASED APPROACH:** Measures skill acquisition through the individual apprentice's successful demonstration of acquired skills and knowledge, as verified by the program sponsor. Programs utilizing this approach must still require apprentices to complete an on-the-job learning component of Registered Apprenticeship. The program



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- standards must address how on-the-job learning will be integrated into the program, describe competencies, and identify an appropriate means of testing and evaluation for such competencies.
- b. HYBRID APPROACH:** Measures the individual apprentice's skill acquisition through a combination of specified minimum number of hours of on-the-job learning and the successful demonstration of competency as described in a work process schedule.
  - c. TIME-BASED APPROACH:** Measures skill acquisition through the individual apprentice's completion of at least 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning as described in a work process schedule.
- 4. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP:** The credential issued by the Office of Apprenticeship to those registered apprentices certified and documented as having successfully completed the apprentice training requirements outlined in these standards of apprenticeship.
  - 5. EMPLOYER:** Means any person or organization employing an apprentice whether or not such person or organization is a party to an Apprenticeship Agreement with the apprentice.
  - 6. EMPLOYER ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT:** Means an agreement between the sponsor and an undersigned participating employer, which agrees to carry out the intent, purpose, rules and decisions of the sponsor established under an approved set of Registered Apprenticeship Standards.
  - 7. JOURNEYWORKER:** Means a worker who has attained a level of skill, abilities and competencies recognized within an industry as having mastered the skills and competencies required for the occupation. (Use of the term may also refer to a mentor, technician, specialist or other skilled worker who has documented sufficient skills and knowledge of an occupation, either through formal apprenticeship or through practical on-the-job experience and formal training.)
  - 8. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:**
    - a. ON-THE-JOB LEARNING (OJL):** Tasks learned on-the-job, in which the apprentice must become proficient before a completion certificate is awarded. The learning must be through structured, supervised work experience.
    - b. RELATED INSTRUCTION:** Means an organized and systematic form of instruction designed to provide the apprentice with the knowledge of the theoretical and technical subjects related to the apprentice's occupation. Such instruction may be given in a classroom, through occupational or industrial courses, or by correspondence courses of equivalent value, electronic media, or other forms of self-study approved by the Office of Apprenticeship.
    - c. WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE:** An outline of the tasks in which the apprentice will receive supervised work experience and training on the job, and the allocation of the approximate amount of time to be spent in each major process.
  - 9. REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PARTNERS INFORMATION DATA SYSTEM (RAPIDS):** A Federal system that provides for the automated collection, retention, updating, retrieval, and summarization of information related to apprentices and apprenticeship programs.
  - 10. SPONSOR:** Means any person, association, committee, or organization operating an apprenticeship program and in whose name the program is (or is to be) registered or approved.
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