

The Electrical Standards Subcommittee report to WSATC April 2021

Review of the Minimum Guideline Standards using the OR example:

Patrick Martin shared a draft of the Minimum Guideline Standards (MGS) which were formatted similarly to Oregon's, using borders, and italicized or bolded fonts, to highlight the MG for sections of the standard where a MG would apply. After some discussion, all participants agreed the formatting improved clarity so the wording will not be up for interpretation. The group felt that this clarification will improve consistency between all programs' processes and give guidance to new programs and proposals.

There was also some discussion on the wording around the MGS regarding the initial probationary period being 1600 hours. It was determined that the wording should be changed to read 'up to 1600 hours', or "cannot exceed 1600 hours" as there were existing programs with less hours required for an apprentice's initial probationary period. Clay Tschillard and Halene Sigmund agreed to assist Patrick to finalize a draft of the MGS to then be submitted to the WSATC for approval.

Review cross supervision example language:

The group discussed aligning the ratio/supervision wording with Electrical Licensing. There was discussion about the importance of alignment with licensing language to avoid confusion. The group also felt that additional clarifying cross supervision language was needed in the MGS to prevent a sponsor/program from misinterpreting ratios. Proposed wording was considered and discussed. The group continued to modify the proposed language for clarity and agreed that the group would have draft language for consideration at their July meeting.

06 HVAC licensing requirements (apprenticeship/electrical licensing)

There was discussion on 06A (HVAC/R) apprentices and some of the experiences apprenticeship programs have had when an 06A (HVAC/R) apprentice's affidavits have been audited and licensing's requirement of proof of documented hours and scope that exceeds the requirements of apprenticeship tracking as required in 06A (HVAC/R) work processes. To gain a better understanding of this experience by 06A (HVAC/R) programs, the subcommittee asked Patrick to invite other 06A (HVAC/R) programs to attend and participate in this discussion at the subcommittee's July meeting. Items of concern are as follows: 50%-hour rule for 06A (HVAC/R) apprentices, change in affidavit process and required documentation by licensing and 296-46b-191 – "Certificate of Competency" clarification.

Respectfully submitted by:

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