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(f) Operating apprenticeship programs when approved by the Bureau shall be accorded registration evidenced by a Certificate of Registration. Programs approved by recognized State Apprenticeship Agencies shall be accorded registration and/or approval evidenced by a similar certificate or other written indicia. When approved by the Bureau, national apprenticeship standards for policy or guideline use shall be accorded certification, evidenced by a certificate attesting to the Bureau's approval.

(g) Any modification(s) or change(s) to registered or certified programs shall be promptly submitted to the registration office and, if approved, shall be recorded and acknowledged as an amendment to such program.

(h) Under a program proposed for registration by an employer or employers' association, where the standards, collective bargaining agreement or other instrument, provides for participation by a union in any manner in the operation of the substantive matters of the apprenticeship program, and such participation is exercised, written acknowledgement of union agreement or *no objection* to the registration is required. Where no such participation is evidenced and practiced, the employer or employers' association shall simultaneously furnish to the union, if any, which is the collective bargaining agent of the employees to be trained, a copy of its application for registration and of the apprenticeship program. The registration agency shall provide a reasonable time period of not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days for receipt of union comments, if any, before final action on the application for registration and/or approval.

(i) Where the employees to be trained have no collective bargaining agent, an apprenticeship program may be proposed for registration by an employer or group of employers.

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§ 29.4 Criteria for apprenticeable occupations.

An apprenticeable occupation is a skilled trade which possesses all of the following characteristics:

(a) It is customarily learned in a practical way through a structured, systematic program of on-the-job supervised training.

(b) It is clearly identified and commonly recognized throughout an industry.

(c) It involves manual, mechanical or technical skills and knowledge which require a minimum of 2,000 hours of on-the-job work experience.

(d) It requires related instruction to supplement the on-the-job training.

§ 29.5 Standards of apprenticeship.

An apprenticeship program, to be eligible for registration/approval by a registration/approval agency, shall conform to the following standards:

(a) The program is an organized, written plan embodying the terms and conditions of employment, training, and supervision of one or more apprentices in the apprenticeable occupation, as defined in this part, and subscribed to by a sponsor who has undertaken to carry out the apprentice training program.

(b) The program standards contain the equal opportunity pledge prescribed in 29 CFR 30.3(b) and, when applicable, an affirmative action plan in accordance with 29 CFR 30.4, a selection method authorized in 29 CFR 30.5, or similar requirements expressed in a State Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship adopted pursuant to 29 CFR part 30 and approved by the Department, and provisions concerning the following:

(1) The employment and training of the apprentice in a skilled trade;

(2) A term of apprenticeship, not less than 2,000 hours of work experience, consistent with training requirements as established by industry practice;

(3) An outline of the work processes in which the apprentice will receive supervised work experience and training on the job, and the allocation of the approximate time to be spent in each major process;

(4) Provision for organized, related and supplemental instruction in technical subjects related to the trade. A minimum of 144 hours for each year of apprenticeship is recommended. Such instruction may be given in a classroom through trade or industrial courses, or by correspondence courses of equivalent value, or other forms of self-study approved by the registration/approval agency.

(5) A progressively increasing schedule of wages to be paid the apprentice consistent with the skill acquired. The entry wage shall be not less than the minimum wage prescribed by the Fair Labor Standards Act, where applicable, unless a higher wage is required by other applicable Federal law, State law, respective regulations, or by collective bargaining agreement;

(6) Periodic review and evaluation of the apprentice's progress in job performance and related instruction; and the maintenance of appropriate progress records;

(7) The numeric ratio of apprentices to journeymen consistent with proper supervision, training, safety, and continuity of employment, and applicable provisions in collective bargaining agreements, except where such ratios are expressly prohibited by the collective bargaining agreements. The ratio language shall be specific and clear as to application in terms of jobsite, work force, department or plant;

(8) A probationary period reasonable in relation to the full apprenticeship term, with full credit given for such period toward completion of apprenticeship;

(9) Adequate and safe equipment and facilities for training and supervision, and safety training for apprentices on the job and in related instruction;

(10) The minimum qualifications required by a sponsor for persons entering the apprenticeship program, with an eligible starting age not less than 16 years;

(11) The placement of an apprentice under a written apprenticeship agreement as required by the State apprenticeship law and regulation, or the Bureau where no such State law or regulation exists. The agreement shall directly, or by reference, incorporate the

standards of the program as part of the agreement;

(12) The granting of advanced standing or credit for previously acquired experience, training, or skills for all applicants equally, with commensurate wages for any progression step so granted;

(13) Transfer of employer's training obligation when the employer is unable to fulfill his obligation under the apprenticeship agreement to another employer under the same program with consent of the apprentice and apprenticeship committee or program sponsor;

(14) Assurance of qualified training personnel and adequate supervision on the job;

(15) Recognition for successful completion of apprenticeship evidenced by an appropriate certificate;

(16) Identification of the registration agency;

(17) Provision for the registration, cancellation and deregistration of the program; and requirement for the prompt submission of any modification or amendment thereto;

(18) Provision for registration of apprenticeship agreements, modifications, and amendments; notice to the registration office of persons who have successfully completed apprenticeship programs; and notice of cancellations, suspensions and terminations of apprenticeship agreements and causes therefor;

(19) Authority for the termination of an apprenticeship agreement during the probationary period by either party without stated cause;

(20) A statement that the program will be conducted, operated and administered in conformity with applicable provisions of 29 CFR part 30, as amended, or a State EEO in apprenticeship plan adopted pursuant to 29 CFR part 30 and approved by the Department;

(21) Name and address of the appropriate authority under the program to receive, process and make disposition of complaints;

(22) Recording and maintenance of all records concerning apprenticeship as

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may be required by the Bureau or recognized State Apprenticeship Agency and other applicable law.

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§ 29.6 Apprenticeship agreement.

The apprenticeship agreement shall contain explicitly or by reference:

(a) Names and signatures of the contracting parties (apprentice, and the program sponsor or employer), and the signature of a parent or guardian if the apprentice is a minor.

(b) The date of birth of apprentice.

(c) Name and address of the program sponsor and registration agency.

(d) A statement of the trade or craft in which the apprentice is to be trained, and the beginning date and term (duration) of apprenticeship.

(e) A statement showing (1) the number of hours to be spent by the apprentice in work on the job, and (2) the number of hours to be spent in related and supplemental instruction which is recommended to be not less than 144 hours per year.

(f) A statement setting forth a schedule of the work processes in the trade or industry divisions in which the apprentice is to be trained and the approximate time to be spent at each process.

(g) A statement of the graduated scale of wages to be paid the apprentice and whether or not the required school time shall be compensated.

(h) Statements providing:

(1) For a specific period of probation during which the apprenticeship agreement may be terminated by either party to the agreement upon written notice to the registration agency;

(2) That, after the probationary period, the agreement may be cancelled at the request of the apprentice, or may be suspended, cancelled, or terminated 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.

(i) A reference incorporating as part of the agreement the standards of the

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apprenticeship program as it exists on the date of the agreement and as it may be amended during the period of the agreement.

(j) A statement that the apprentice will be accorded equal opportunity in all phases of apprenticeship employment and training, without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex.

(k) Name and address of the appropriate authority, if any, designated under the program to receive, process and make disposition of controversies or differences arising out of the apprenticeship agreement when the controversies or differences cannot be adjusted locally or resolved in accordance with the established trade procedure or applicable collective bargaining provisions.

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§ 29.7 Deregistration of Bureau-registered program.

Deregistration of a program may be effected upon the voluntary action of the sponsor by a request for cancellation of the registration, or upon reasonable cause, by the Bureau instituting formal deregistration proceedings in accordance with the provisions of this part.

(a) *Request by sponsor.* The registration officer may cancel the registration of an apprenticeship program by written acknowledgment of such request stating, but not limited to, the following matters:

(1) The registration is canceled at sponsor's request, and effective date thereof;

(2) That, within 15 days of the date of the acknowledgment, the sponsor shall notify all apprentices of such cancellation and the effective date; that such cancellation automatically deprives the apprentice of his/her individual registration; and that the deregistration of the program removes the apprentice from coverage for Federal purposes which require the Secretary of Labor's approval of an apprenticeship program.

(b) *Formal deregistration*—(1) *Reasonable cause.* Deregistration proceedings