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Subject: Technical School Graduates

Dear Jon:

We have approved the following language as an amendment to Apprenticeship Selection Procedures for the Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship and Training Trust (AJEATT) that were adopted on August 12, 2014.

Graduates from the Alaska Vocational Technical Center's Industrial Electrical and Information Technology Courses meet these requirements for direct entry as Technical School Graduates.

**Direct Entry**

Sponsors who wish to invoke the direct entry provision may do so without regard to the existing selection procedure or minimum qualifications used for entry into the apprenticeship program. Individuals selected into the apprenticeship program via direct entry shall only include those individuals described below who have received training or employment in an occupation directly or indirectly related to the occupation(s) registered in the AJEATT Apprenticeship Standards. The sponsor will award credit for on-the-job skill acquisition and previous related training in accordance with Section X of the Apprenticeship Standards, and will pay the apprentice(s) at the wage rate commensurate with their skill attainment. The credit for previous experience shall be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, national origin or sex. The methods for direct-entry shall include the following:

**Technical School Graduates**

Individuals who graduate from an accredited Technical Training School that has been reviewed and approved by the Program Sponsor and Registration Agency, in recognition of the relevant training they have already received for occupations registered in the AJEATT Apprenticeship Standards, may qualify for either direct-entry or direct-interview, as determined by the AJEATT and available apprenticeship opportunities. With the approval of the sponsor, such a new apprentice may start at the recommended apprentice wage rate for graduates of that particular program. The sponsor will determine what additional training requirements are needed to ensure that the new apprentice(s) receive all the necessary training for completion of the apprenticeship program. Entry of technical training school graduates shall be done without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, or sex.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

John P. Hakala  
Alaska State Director