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| U.S. Department of Labor  Employment and Training Administration, Office of  Apprenticeship (OA)  Washington, D.C. 20210 | Distribution:  A-541 Hdqtrs  A-544 All Field Tech  A-547 SD+RD+SAA+; Lab.Com | Subject: Revised Apprenticeable Occupation: Transmission Line Worker (existing title: Line-Installer Repairer)  Code: 200.1 | |
| Symbols: DPQSP/LNS | Action: Immediate | |
| **PURPOSE:** To inform the staff of OA, State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA), Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors, and other Registered Apprenticeship partners of the approval of the new Competency-Based Occupational Framework  for the occupation of Transmission Line Worker:    Transmission Line Worker  (Existing Title: Line-Installer Repairer)  O\*NET-SOC Code: 49-9051.00  RAPIDS Code: 0282CB  Type of Training: Competency-based  **BACKGROUND:** The National Office has approved a set of ten (10) national, Competency-Based Occupational Frameworks (CBOFs), developed in partnership with the Urban Institute. These CBOFs have met industry standards and approval; they cover job titles and occupational pathways, related functions and performance criteria, as well as academic, workplace and personal competencies for job success. While use of these CBOFs in developing competency-based standards is voluntary, no additional vetting of a Work Process Schedule utilizing the CBOFs should be required where a program aligns to the occupational framework described in a CBOF beyond the basic requirements set forth in 29 CFR Part 29.  Included among the ten initially approved CBOFs, is Transmission Line Worker. Transmission Line Workers are employed by or on behalf of public utilities companies and engineering contracting firms and in industries requiring a service to be transmitted through a network of cables. Line workers/linesmen are in many ways the backbone of the electricity and telecommunication industries. Line workers work outdoors in most weather conditions, at heights and in confined spaces underground, and at times with extremely high voltage electricity lines.  Line workers install, remove, maintain, and repair sub-transmission and distribution lines and associated equipment and facilities, as well as maintain safety for the public and for work crews during repair and construction work. Line workers must effectively execute many tasks to help deliver electrical power from generating stations into homes, businesses, factories, and other facilities.  In order to minimize the danger, they must follow strict safety requirements and protocols. They are typically the first responders to power outages and other emergencies, and often work irregular hours in response to emergency events.  Within certain limits, the sponsors of CBOF-based apprenticeship programs are permitted to customize the job functions or competencies contained in a CBOF for Transmission Line Worker. However, OA encourages the use of all core competencies to be included in the approved WPS.  The revised Transmission Line Worker (existing title: Line-Installer Repairer) competency-based will be added to the List of Occupations Recognized as Apprenticeable by OA when the list is reissued.  **ACTION:** OA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin and the attached CBOF as a source for developing apprenticeship standards and/or providing technical assistance.  If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Linton, Program Analyst, Division of Program Quality, Standards and Policy at (202) 693-3592.  **NOTE:** This bulletin is being sent via electronic mail.    Attachment | | |
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