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Information for Electrical Education Providers - In Phase I, low-risk critical infrastructure workforce training work is allowed to resume, effective May 5.

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Hello everybody,

You are receiving this communication because you are one of the over 250 providers or regulated electrical education in Washington State. If you offer training in a classroom setting, you may find this information useful. Please share this information with others as you feel appropriate.

According to the Governor Inslee's [guidance](#) for restarting essential workforce development programs issued on May 7, 2020, low-risk critical infrastructure workforce training work is allowed to resume, effective May 5. No one knows if restrictions on workforce training will remain unchanged or less become restrictive in Phase II or Phase III of the recovery.

Because restrictions on education prohibiting workforce training have ended, the temporary allowance for electrical trainees to continue working with an inactive training certificate ends on July 4, 2020 – 60 days from when restrictions on classroom education were lifted.

Approved classroom training for electrical trainees required by RCW [19.28.161\(2\)](#) makes no provisions to allow other forms of instruction other than direct instructor-student in person contact in a classroom setting. Real time interactive meeting platforms such as Skype, Zoom, FaceTime, Cisco WebEx, etc. are not allowed as a substitute for classroom training.

The [Essential Workforce Education Program Standards](#) provides a roadmap for providers to resume classroom instruction. Nothing requires approval or review of a COVID-19 exposure control, mitigation, and recovery plan prior to resuming instruction or anytime thereafter. Apprenticeships and technical colleges and independent providers are free to restart their classroom programs that support the essential workforce after developing and posting at each location a comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control, mitigation, and recovery plan and meeting other requirements in the standards.

COVID-19 safety plans for essential industry education are very similar to those for construction, so tradespersons should be familiar with them now. You may find some of the COVID-19 safety plan literature on the AGC or BIAW websites useful in developing your safety plans.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the electrical safety program of the State of Washington.

Larry

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