

WAC 250-21-126 Participating apprenticeship programs. (1) Participating programs must renew eligibility annually, or as required by the office, by:

(a) Participating in a full, not provisional, status under chapter 49.04 RCW. Programs not participating in a fully certified status will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for continued participation and may have additional conditions imposed by the office in order to maintain their participation in Washington college grant;

(b) Demonstrating an ongoing capacity to properly administer the Washington college grant including ensuring adequate staffing, proper training, and the maintenance of electronic systems sufficient to comply with program tracking, payment requests, and reporting obligations;

(c) Verifying continued program compliance with requirements on awarding, conditions of award, satisfactory program progress, repayment, calculation of equipment and supply costs, and such other areas as necessary to assure proper administration of the programs. The office will analyze these policies and may require adjustments to achieve consistent treatment of apprentices in similar circumstances across programs and support apprentice success;

(d) Signing an "agreement to participate" that affirms the program's agreement to abide by all rules, regulations, and guidelines, to maintain and provide all pertinent information, records, and reports requested by the office and to notify the office within thirty days of any change to information reported on the agreement form; and

(e) Notifying the office within thirty days of transactions considered a change of ownership or majority control.

(2) If evaluation of administrative capability, performance measures, financial strength, participation status or changes in ownership or majority control result in concerns about a program's participation in state financial aid programs, the office may act in accordance with WAC 250-21-081. If a program disputes actions taken by the office, the institution may appeal per the procedure outlined in WAC 250-21-091.

(3) Nothing in this section shall prevent the office, in the exercise of its sound discretion, from terminating the participation of a program which the office determines is unable to properly administer the Washington college grant or provide advertised services.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.92.150 and 28B.92.200(2). WSR 20-12-049, § 250-21-126, filed 5/29/20, effective 6/29/20.]