



RIVERSIDE COUNTY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

**APPRENTICESHIP COORDINATION
*POLICY***

Date:

Number: 19-19

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to promote apprenticeship programs in the local workforce development system and foster collaboration between labor organizations and community colleges pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 554.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Release

REFERENCES: DOL Training and Employment Notice [44-11](#) and [13-12](#)
[California Assembly Bill No: AB 554](#)
EDD Workforce Services Information Notice [WSIN 12-19](#)

LOCALLY IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS: N/A

BACKGROUND: On October 7, 2011, AB 554 (Atkins) was chaptered into law. AB 554 requires each local board to develop a policy of fostering collaboration between community colleges and approved apprenticeship programs in the geographic area to provide pre-apprenticeship training, apprenticeship training, and continuing education in apprenticeable occupations through approved apprenticeship programs.

Furthermore, the bill requires each local board to ensure that programs and services funded by Work Investment Act (WIA) and directed to apprenticeable occupations, including pre-apprenticeship training, are conducted to the maximum extent feasible, in coordination with apprenticeship programs approved by Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS).

POLICY: The WIB recognizes that apprenticeship programs advance the goals of the local workforce development system and provide jobseekers from diverse populations valuable post-secondary pathways to rewarding careers. Accordingly, the WIB shall work to increase pre-apprenticeship training opportunities in the local area by creating linkages and fostering collaboration among local labor organizations and community colleges.

Service providers are also encouraged to develop and to enhance their partnerships and resource leveraging efforts with registered apprenticeship programs, where feasible, to promote the development of a well-educated and highly skilled workforce, to expand availability of “earn and learn” models of training, and to provide access to growing opportunities in Registered Apprenticeships.

If Workforce Investment Act (WIA) training funds are used to target apprenticeable occupations, including pre-apprenticeships, then they must be conducted to the maximum extent feasible, in coordination with the Department of Industrial Relations – Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DIR-DAS)-approved apprenticeship programs.

PROCEDURES: N/A

REVISION HISTORY:

Revision Dates: N/A

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