281—51.1(256) Application. In order to qualify as a training facility, the establishment must submit a written application on a form as prescribed by the department of education. Prior to submission of an application, the department shall conduct a site visit to determine initial eligibility.

281—51.2(256) Content and approval of application. The application shall contain, at minimum, the following:

1. Clearly definable vocational objective or objectives;
2. An outline describing the length of the program that is appropriate to the training;
3. A description of the supervision that will be provided to individuals in the program;
4. The program’s progressive wage schedule as outlined in rule 281—51.3(256).

The department shall review the application for accuracy and merit. Upon approval of an application, the department shall forward a copy of the approved application to the applicant and to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

281—51.3(256) Wage schedules. The employer shall observe the following points in setting forth the wage schedule for the training period:

1. The schedule shall be set up for the entire period of training with provision for increases at regular intervals.
2. The starting wage and the wage paid during training cannot be less than the wage normally paid a nonveteran learner in this trade.
3. The starting wage shall not be less than 50 percent of the stated objective wage.
4. The wage schedule shall increase during each period of training until the employer is paying 85 percent of the objective wage during the last period of training unless covered under the standards required by the Bureau of Apprentice Training, United States Department of Labor.
5. The wages shall be in conformity with state and federal laws and applicable bargaining agreements.
6. Wage schedules contained in applicable bargaining agreements, wages established by law, or other wage schedules established by large businesses which can be shown to be a matter of record will be recognized.
7. The after-training wage shall be the wage that is normally paid to a person who has had training equivalent to that contemplated by the proposed training program and who is beginning employment in the classification. Further raises which have been granted to other employees on the basis of length of service or loyalty to the firm should not be considered in determining the completion wage.
8. Since the employer is required to guarantee definite periodic wage increases, programs shall not be approved which contain a wage schedule set up on a commission basis.

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