

261—12.3 (15,15B) Definitions.

“*Apprentice*” means a person who is at least 16 years of age, except where a higher minimum age is required by law, who is employed in an apprenticeable occupation, and is registered in Iowa with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship.

“*Apprenticeable occupation*” means an occupation approved for apprenticeship by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship.

“*Apprenticeship program*” means a program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, which includes terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices, including the requirement for a written apprenticeship agreement.

“*Apprenticeship sponsor*” means an entity operating an apprenticeship program or an entity in whose name an apprenticeship program is being operated, which is registered with or approved by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship.

“*Authority*” means the economic development authority created in Iowa Code section 15.105.

“*Financial assistance*” means assistance provided only from the funds, rights, and assets legally available to the authority and includes but is not limited to assistance in the forms of grants, loans, forgivable loans, and royalty payments.

“*Fund*” means the apprenticeship training program fund created in Iowa Code section 15B.3.

“*Lead apprenticeship sponsor*” means a trade organization, labor organization, employer association, or other incorporated entity representing a group of apprenticeship sponsors.

“*Program*” means the apprenticeship training program established pursuant to this chapter.

“*Total instructional hours*” means the total instructional hours reported by an apprenticeship sponsor or lead apprenticeship sponsor. “Total instructional hours” does not mean the minimum federal standard for instructional hours.

“*Training year*” means the most recent calendar year.