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## **Nevada State Apprenticeship Council returns to the Office of the Labor Commissioner**

**Carson City, NV** — Effective July 1, 2021, the Nevada Office of the Labor Commissioner (OLC) has resumed jurisdiction over the Nevada State Apprenticeship Council (NSAC) based on the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 459 during the 81<sup>st</sup> session of the Nevada Legislature. The OLC had oversight of the NSAC prior to 2017. The NSAC is designated as the State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA) pursuant to AB 459 and works with the United States Department of Labor as the SAA. Only the NSAC can register and approve state apprentices and state apprenticeship programs on behalf of the State of Nevada.

Sometimes referred to as the “original four-year degree,” registered apprenticeships offer career opportunities through regulated and structured training, and on the job work learning programs. A registered apprentice in the State of Nevada must be registered with both the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the Office of Apprenticeship, Training, Employer and Labor Services of the Employment and Training Administration of the United States Department of Labor (or its successor) and the NSAC. Registered apprentices are paid pursuant to terms of the Apprenticeship Agreement/Standards for the type of work covered by the Registered Apprenticeship Program Agreement/Standards as approved by the NSAC and Nevada Revised Statute 610 or Nevada Administrative Code 610.

- The NSAC is composed of 11 members: seven voting members appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Labor Commissioner and four non-voting members. The NSAC meets quarterly and may conduct meetings more frequently.

- Along with the members of the NSAC, Shannon M. Chambers, Nevada Labor Commissioner, will oversee and administer the NSAC along with Richard Williams, the State Apprenticeship Director.
- Currently, there are more than 80 registered apprenticeship programs and more than 5,000 registered apprentices in Nevada. The OLC and NSAC will work to expand apprenticeship in Nevada through quality programs that offer wage and salary progression and a career pathway in various trades and occupations.
- The OLC looks forward to working with existing registered apprenticeship programs, program sponsors, employers and various partners and stakeholders including the United States Department of Labor, Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (which now oversees the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation), the Nevada System of Higher Education, the Northern and Southern Nevada Building Trades, Associated General Contractors, Nevada Contractors Association, Associated Builders and Contractors, chambers of commerce, and other interested parties to expand and enhance apprenticeship in Nevada.
- The OLC has already taken the step of simplifying the registered apprenticeship verification process on public works projects to ensure compliance with the Apprenticeship Utilization Act as set forth in NRS 338.01165.
- The OLC has and will continue to work closely with the United States Department of Labor on initiatives and funding opportunities to expand apprenticeship in Nevada.
- **The OLC will be conducting training seminars on registered apprenticeships in September 2021. Dates, times, and locations of these trainings will be posted to the OLC website when finalized.**
- Program sponsors, employers, and individuals interested in learning about registered apprenticeship in Nevada, the NSAC and its meetings, should visit:  
[https://labor.nv.gov/Wages/Nevada\\_State\\_Apprenticeship\\_Council/](https://labor.nv.gov/Wages/Nevada_State_Apprenticeship_Council/).

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