

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

**AGENCY:** Department of Labor and Training

**DIVISION:** Workforce Regulation and Safety

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 260-RICR-30-15-5 and ERLID 10132

**RULE TITLE:** Apprenticeship Programs in Trade and Industry

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:** By this rulemaking, the Department:

1. Revised to comply with the RICR formatting and codification guidelines.
2. Removed unnecessary “cross-reference” sections in §§ 5.3; 5.4; 5.6; and 5.9.
3. Included cross-reference section under § 5.2.
4. Corrected statutory citations.
5. Streamlined and clarify content to avoid confusion in §§ 5.3; 5.5; 5.10; and 5.10.1.

**ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:** *(if any)*

**TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:** N/A

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:** No changes.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:** It is beneficial for the public to be fully informed of the process for the Department to set forth labor standards to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, and to extend the application of such standards by prescribing rules and regulations concerning the registration of acceptable apprenticeship programs. These labor standards, rules and regulations cover the registration, termination, and deregistration of apprenticeship programs; and of apprenticeship agreements and matters relating thereto.