Registered Apprenticeship in Oregon

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration
Office of Apprenticeship
Established in 1937 by an Act of Congress (Fitzgerald Act)
Provides approval and oversight of the National System of Registered Apprenticeship

Oregon State Apprenticeship & Training Council (OSATC)
In 1931, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed the Apprenticeship Law, appointing the Commissioner of Labor as chairperson of the Apprenticeship Commission and created the State Apprenticeship Commission.

In 1943, the State Apprenticeship Commission reorganized as the State Apprenticeship Council.

The Council currently consists of 9 members: the Labor Commissioner and 8 members appointed by the Governor and ratified by the Senate as follows: 4 members from apprenticeable building and construction crafts (2 employee and 2 employer representatives); 2 members from other approved and registered apprenticeable occupations (1 employee and 1 employer representative, and 2 members representing the public.

Council meetings are open to the public and are usually scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of March, June, September and December.

Bureau of Labor and Industries, Apprenticeship & Training Division (ATD)
State Registration Agency and administrative arm of the Council.
Registers programs and apprenticeship agreements; conducts audits to ensure compliance with applicable State and Federal requirements; provides technical assistance to apprenticeship and training programs, and assists employers, employees and educators in the development of new programs.

Local Committees
Registered joint or trades apprenticeship or training committees approved by the Council to operate apprenticeship programs.

Standards of Apprenticeship
A written agreement submitted by a local committee and approved by the Council that establishes a plan containing all terms and conditions for the qualification, employment and training of apprentices or trainees as set forth in ORS Chapter 660.

Training Agent
An employer or organization approved by a local committee to employ and train apprentices or trainees upon registration with the Division.

Apprentice or Trainee
A worker who is employed to learn an apprenticeable occupation under standards of apprenticeship approved by the Council under an apprentice or trainee agreement recognized by the Council and registered by the Division.

On-the-Job-Training (OJT)
Paid occupational training that is provided by a training agent and supervised by a journey-worker pursuant to the standards of apprenticeship.

Related Instruction/Training (RT)
A systematic form of instruction designed to provide the apprentice with the knowledge of the theoretical and technical subjects related to the apprentice's occupation.