

Workforce Estimating Conference
February 28, 2006

The Workforce Estimating Conference met on February 28, 2006. A 2006-07 State Demand Occupations List was approved.

109 occupations met the criteria for the Individual Training Account (ITA) Occupations list. Eleven occupations were added to the 2006-07 list, and nine occupations were dropped. Criteria for the 2006-07 list are:

1. Requires postsecondary adult vocational training or a community college credit certificate, applied technology diploma, associates of applied science, or an associate's degree; AND
2. Has 150 projected annual opening and a growth rate above the average growth rate for all occupations (current average is 1.85% growth) OR 360 projected annual openings with any positive growth; AND
3. Pays at least a mean wage of \$11.33/hour and entry wage of \$9.22/hour.

Of the 109 occupations on the ITA Occupations list, 65 met the criteria for High Skilled / High Wage (HSHW) Occupations. Criteria for the HSHW list are:

1. Requires postsecondary adult vocational training or a community college credit certificate, applied technology diploma, associates of applied science, or an associate's degree; AND
2. Has 150 projected annual opening and a growth rate above the average growth rate for all occupations (current average is 1.85% growth) OR 360 projected annual openings with any positive growth; AND
3. Pays at least a mean wage of \$17.77/hour and entry wage of \$11.33/hour.

The Conference also established a subcommittee to work towards expanding occupation lists beyond postsecondary adult vocational training or community college credit certificates, applied technology diplomas, associates of applied science and associate's degrees. These lists would include occupations with training codes for education less than high school diploma, high school diploma or GED graduates, and Bachelor's degree and Master's degree graduates.

Minutes and work papers from the Conference will be posted as soon as they become available.