

Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council Workforce Investment Act Policies and Procedures

Provisional Demand Occupation - Justification and Conditions *PDO # 7 – Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators and Tendors*

Effective Date: 7/1/09

Expiration Date: 6/30/10

Summary:

Training for Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators and Tendors is allowed under this provisional demand justification.

Occupational Description:

SOC code : 51-4081

Description: Set up, operate, or tend more than one type of cutting or forming machine tool or robot. Setup workers prepare the machines *prior* to production, perform initial test runs producing a part, and may adjust and make minor repairs to the machinery during its operation. Operators and tenders primarily monitor the machinery *during* its operation; sometimes they load or unload the machine or make minor adjustments to the controls. Many workers both set up and operate equipment. Because the setup process requires an understanding of the entire production process, setters usually have more training and are more highly skilled than those who simply operate or tend machinery. As new automation simplifies the setup process, however, less skilled workers also are increasingly able to set up machines for operation.

Background:

Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators and Tendors are currently not in demand in SW WA. However, conversations with SW Washington and Oregon employers through the SW WA Manufacturing Skills Panel and regional WIRED project over the last year indicate a need for entry level workers individuals with the skill sets associated with the occupational classification, especially as older workers retire. Training for skills in this occupation is consistent with employer's interest in workers with core manufacturing competencies.

Justification:

Employer demand for skills.

Conditions:

1. All other aspects of the SWWDC's ITA policy must be adhered to.
2. Staff must document in SKIES case notes that the ITA has been approved by referencing this policy "PDO #7- Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators and Tendors."