

(8) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Council may not deny any otherwise qualified application where apprentices constitute a number equal to or less than 25 percent of the total number of apprentices and journeymen employed.

(ii) For the purpose of equal opportunity employment, the Council may not deny any otherwise qualified application where apprentices constitute a number equal to or less than 50 percent of the total number of apprentices and journeymen employed.

(c) The Council may negotiate and adopt agreements permitting reciprocity with apprenticeship and training councils of another state, or the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

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(A) The Secretary shall appoint a Director of Apprenticeship and Training. The Director of Apprenticeship and Training shall have the responsibility of promoting apprenticeship and other forms of on-the-job training and shall obtain the assistance of the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor, and other federal and State agencies in this function. [His] THE DIRECTOR'S duties shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) encouragement and promotion of the standards established in accordance with this subtitle and with the basic standards of the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor;

(2) bringing about the settlement of differences arising out of apprenticeship programs and agreements when the differences cannot be adjusted locally or in accordance with established trade procedure;

(3) supervision of the execution of agreements and the maintenance of standards;

(4) registration of apprenticeship programs and agreements;

(5) keeping a record of apprenticeship agreements and programs, and upon performance thereunder issuing certificates of completion of apprenticeship;

(6) encouragement of liaison and cooperation between all private, State, and federal agencies concerned with apprenticeship, trade, and industrial training;

(7) promotion of public awareness of apprenticeship and other occupational training; and

(8) keeping a record of the progress of apprenticeship and training programs initiated in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle and informing the Council periodically as to the results.