

Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board



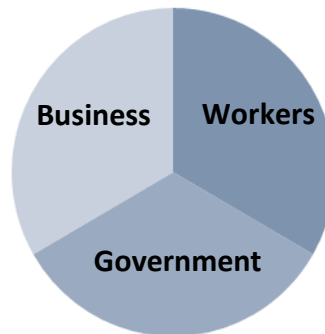
Growing the State's Economy by Meeting the Workforce Needs of Industry

The state's Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board was created by the Legislature to be the lead policy advisor in Washington with responsibility over the state's workforce development system, federally funded Career and Technical Education, and as a regulator of private career schools, along with veterans education programs. The Board is uniquely charged to serve as an advocate on all issues and programs related to workforce development.

Workforce Board is Hub

State and federal law makes clear that the Workforce Board is "the hub" of the state's workforce training system, a central coordination point that gives Washington strategic direction toward common goals.

Who We Are

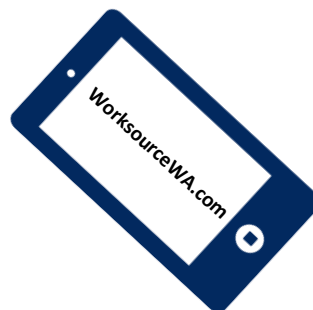


Business and Workers at Table

With business and labor at the table, we get a real-world view of our challenges and opportunities, and can guide key agencies and local boards to take action.

Our Customers Drive Everything We Do: Washington's Workers and Industry

Washington's Workforce System has three primary customers: Washington businesses that depend on a skilled and educated workforce to be profitable and competitive, those who go to work each day and want to advance their skills and career, and those seeking jobs but who need additional services to succeed. For industry to thrive, workers need to be properly trained and educated, and come equipped with the skills businesses require. For Washington workers to prosper, they need to be able to secure living-wage, stable jobs that grow into lifelong career pathways. Creating this match between jobseekers and jobs lies at the heart of workforce development. We seek a systematic and harmonized approach to growing Washington's economy by connecting businesses with career-ready talent of all abilities and backgrounds.



An Independent Third Party Evaluator of the State's Workforce System

The Workforce Board tracks the performance of the state's largest workforce programs to ensure a high-quality workforce training system. The Board is responsible for overseeing 16 workforce programs as defined in state statute. The Board also sets performance standards for education programs eligible for federal and state training dollars as part of the Eligible Training Provider List.



An Advocate for Continuous Improvement and Innovation

The Workforce Board supports the continuous improvement of the state's workforce system. The Board is charged with offering policy reform recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and Congress. The Board administers and evaluates innovative pilot projects or other "learning laboratories" that can be brought to scale on a regional or statewide basis.

Career-Connected Learning and Carl D. Perkins Act

The Workforce Board actively promotes a wide range of work-based learning and real world work experience to help young people transition to career success. The Board also serves as the state's Board of Vocational Education under federal law, developing policies about how Career and Technical Education is delivered across the state, and oversees the federal Carl D. Perkins Act., which funds career connected learning opportunities for K-12 students,



Regulates Private Career Schools, Oversees Veterans Programs

The Legislature designated the Workforce Board as the primary agency to oversee and regulate private career schools and certificate programs, and non-degree programs for veterans. The Workforce Board plays an important consumer protection role in investigating and taking action on student complaints.
