

**§ 9902. CNMI Registered Apprenticeship Program.**

The Secretary of Labor shall:

- (a) Administer the Commonwealth Registered Apprenticeship Program and coordinate with the Advisory Council;
- (b) Ensure proper educational accreditation standards are met and maintained by program providers, using educational classes provided by an institution of higher education or approved educational learning resources identified in the standards;
- (c) Shall develop standards for apprenticeship agreements in conformity with this Chapter;
- (d) Hire the staff needed for the CNMI Registered Apprentice Program;
- (e) Certify all participating businesses are in good standing pursuant to NMIC Title 80 Department of Labor Subchapter 80-20.1 Employment Rules and Regulations;
- (f) Collaborate with the CNMI Public School System to assist in their alignment of Career Technical Education programs with Registered Apprenticeships in an effort to:
  - (1) Enhance the quality of CTE program outcomes by aligning CTE programs with industries;
  - (2) Expand post-program opportunities; and
  - (3) Increase the number of qualified apprentices for high-demand, high-wage, and high-skill careers;
- (g) Certify eligible training costs of qualified apprentices for high-demand, high wage, and high-skill careers;
- (h) Perform other duties as are necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Chapter.

**Source:** PL 23-25 § 4 (Sept. 20, 2024), modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission capitalized the first letter in sections (a), (b), (c), and (d), pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#).