



Reducing Industrial Sector Emissions in Pennsylvania (RISE PA) Apprenticeship Requirement Good Faith Exemption Request Form Instructions

General

RISE PA program guidelines state that not less than 15% of the total labor hours for the construction, alteration, or repair work on a project is performed by qualified apprentices and that projects must satisfy the apprentice-to-journey worker ratio requirement. If an applicant has pursued all of the paths detailed in the RISE PA Program Guidance and is unable to meet the apprenticeship requirement, DEP has the discretion to provide a Good Faith Exemption to this applicant.

In order for DEP to process the exemption request, a copy of the signed RISE PA Apprenticeship Requirement Good Faith Exemption form, along with documentation showing actions taken and need for exemption, **must be submitted via email at:** RA-EP-CPRG@pa.gov

All Good Faith Exemption Request forms will undergo committee review. Your Project Advisor may reach out for further clarification during the review process. Forward all questions to RA-EP-CPRG@pa.gov

Form Information

When completing the RISE PA Apprenticeship Requirement Good Faith Exemption Request form, Medium and Large-scale Award Track applicants should refer to the [RISE PA Program Guidance](#) (specifically Eligible Projects, page 6, part 3). Small-scale Award Track applicants should refer to [RISE PA Grant Program Guidance: Small Award Track](#) (specifically 4.2 Eligible Projects, page 7, part 3). Include documentation of efforts made to meet the apprenticeship requirement.

Question 1: Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's Apprenticeship & Training Office can be reached at (717) 787-6997 or apprenticeship@pa.gov

Question 2: Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's Apprenticeship & Training Office for information on the Registered Apprenticeship Initial Orientation.

Question 3: Describe what barriers exist that prevent your project from utilizing or developing an apprenticeship training or on-the-job training program, as described in the RISE PA Program Guidance.

Question 4: Describe the efforts made to determine your project's ability to meet the apprenticeship requirements, including (but not limited to) any conversations you have had with representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's Apprenticeship & Training Office.

Question 5: Describe what measures (if any) your project proposes in lieu of an apprenticeship or on-the-job training program that you feel would align with RISE PA's commitment to workforce development.

Note: Projects must meet the prevailing wage requirement as most recently determined by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, regardless of whether the RISE PA Apprenticeship Requirement Good Faith Exemption Request is granted.


 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 ENERGY PROGRAMS OFFICE

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Application Number: _____	Applicant Name: _____
Contact Name: _____	Contact Email: _____
Award Track: <input type="checkbox"/> Small-scale Award Track <input type="checkbox"/> Medium-scale Award Track <input type="checkbox"/> Large-scale Award Track	

1. Have you contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's Apprenticeship & Training Office?
 Yes No

2. Have you attended or participated in a Registered Apprenticeship Initial Orientation held by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's Apprenticeship & Training Office?
 Yes No

3. Please explain why your project is not able to meet the apprenticeship requirements established in the RISE PA Program Guidance:

4. Describe the efforts made to meet the apprenticeship requirements:

5. Describe what measures (if any) your project proposes in lieu of an apprenticeship or on-the-job training program that you feel would align with RISE PA's commitment to workforce development:

- I ("the Applicant") certify that all the information contained in this request and supporting documentation is true and accurate, that I am acting in good faith, and that I have pursued all available options identified in the RISE PA Grant Program Guidance and I am unable to meet the apprenticeship requirement. I have provided the Department with documentation detailing the options taken and my inability to comply with the apprenticeship requirement. I understand that if I knowingly make a false statement to obtain a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I may be subject to criminal prosecution in accordance with 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities) and 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729 and 3802 (relating to false claims and statements).

 Signature of Authorized Representative

 Date

This section to be completed by DEP staff:

 Exemption Approved: Yes No

Reviewer: _____

Reviewer Title: _____

Date of Review: _____

Reviewer Comments: _____