# Program Approval Process – Wage Information

Rationale Recommendations Criteria Programs

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| * Helps inform students about potential wages as they select a college program. * Required for WorkFirst and Opp. Grant. * Required prof/tech program information on college web sites | Wage information is required. A link to the state’s Employment Security Dept. data will be embedded in the form. College must identify the wage for the occupation and the area the data represents (county, region, state, etc.)  Narrative is required if wage information is not available (emerging occupation)  Additional information is required for –  Opportunity Grant eligibility: Program must demonstrate the occupation offers over $13.00 per hour with the exception of King County which is over $15.00 per hour.  WorkFirst eligibility: Program must demonstrate the occupation offers a wage equal to or greater than the local labor market’s median wage as determined by Employment Security Office. | College has clearly indicated the wage for the occupation and the geographic area from which the data has been gathered.  If an emergent occupation, college must demonstrate how it arrived at its wage calculation and sources of information.  If applicable, college demonstrates it meets eligibility requirements for Opportunity Grants and/or WorkFirst. | Professional/Technical  I-BEST |