

Federal and State Prevailing Wage Worker Classifications

Typical SEP/EECBG Weatherization Tasks

PLEASE NOTE - Prevailing wage worker classifications are very fact specific. This list cannot and does not purport to cover all potential variations of the listed tasks which one may encounter on a project, but provides basic guidance only. The list is not a substitute for reading and applying the prevailing wage scopes of work rules available to you at

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/PrevWage/WageRates/IsPrevWageJob/default.asp> (state classifications) and <http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx#0> (federal classifications). Do not apply and rely on this list without regard to the details of the actual tasks performed. Contact L&I at (360) 902-5335 or PWARRA@Lni.wa.gov for assistance with identifying the specific state prevailing wage classification that applies to your situation. Contact WSU Energy Program at (360) 956-2097 or goldc@energy.wsu.edu for questions and resources for federal prevailing wage classification for SEP/EECBG projects.

Measure/Task	Federal Prevailing Wage Classification*	State Prevailing Wage Classification
Dwelling Assessment	N/A	N/A
Energy Audit	N/A	N/A
Combustion Appliance Safety Test	N/A	N/A
Blower Door Test	N/A	N/A
Duct Leakage Test	N/A	N/A
Contractor Post Weatherization Inspection	N/A	N/A
Attic Ventilation (jack vent install; not duct work)	Roofers, Carpenters	Roofers, Carpenters ¹
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	Electricians	Carpenters, Electronic Technicians, Inside Electricians ²
Caulking (non-duct caulking)	Laborers ⁶	Laborers
Ceiling Insulation	Laborers ⁶ , Insulators, Carpenters	Non-mechanical aspects - Insulation Applicators
Compact Fluorescent Lamps – Thread Base (replacement)	Laborers ⁶	Light bulb replacement only - Laborers
Compact Fluorescent Lamps – Hard Wire	Electricians	Light fixture work, anything beyond blub replacement - Inside Electricians
Cooling Repair	HVAC Technicians, Sheet Metal Workers	A/C Only - Refrigeration Mechanics; Heat Pumps – Refrigeration Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Heating Equipment Mechanics
Cooling Replacement	HVAC Technicians, Sheet Metal Workers	A/C Only - Refrigeration Mechanics; Heat Pumps – Refrigeration Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Heating Equipment Mechanics

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Cover Plate Gaskets	Laborers ⁶ , Carpenters	Laborers, Carpenters
Doors, Exterior	Carpenters (minor repair – Laborers ⁶)	Carpenters, Glaziers ³
Doors, Sliding Glass	Carpenters (minor repair – Laborers ⁶)	Carpenters, Glaziers ³
Duct Insulation	Insulators	Mechanical system duct insulation - Heat & Frost Insulators
Duct Repair	Sheet Metal Workers	Sheet Metal Workers
Duct Replacement	Sheet Metal Workers; HVAC Technicians	Sheet Metal Workers
Envelope Repair	Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers, Roofers (minor or incidental structural repair – Laborers ⁶)	Exterior Walls - Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers (depending on materials); Roof Repair - Roofers, Ironworkers (depending on materials) ⁴
Exhaust Fan Installation, Repair & Replacement	Electricians	Inside Electricians
Floor Foundation Venting	Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers	Carpenters and/or Sheet Metal Workers, depending on materials
Floor Insulation	Laborers ⁶ , Insulators, Carpenters	Insulation Applicators
Glass Replacement (Windows & Doors)	Glaziers	Glaziers
Heating Source Repair	HVAC Technicians, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians	Heating Equipment Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians, depending on type of system
Heating Source Replacement	HVAC Technicians, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians	Heating Equipment Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians, depending on type of system
Hot Water Flow Restrictors & Showerheads	Plumbers, Pipefitters	Plumbers/Pipefitters
Kneewall Insulation	Laborers ⁶ , Insulators, Carpenters	Insulation Applicators (non-mechanical)
Refrigerator Replacement	Laborers	Laborers
Refrigerator Replacement – Grounding Plug	Electricians	Inside Electricians
Screens (Window & Door)	Carpenters, (repair only – Laborers ⁶)	Carpenters
Shutters	Carpenters, (repair only – Laborers ⁶)	Carpenters
Thermostat	Electricians	Sheet Metal Workers, Inside Electricians ⁵

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Timer, Electric Water Heater	Electricians, Plumbers	Inside Electricians, Plumbers/Pipefitters
Vent Cover, Interior	Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers	Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers, depending on materials/system
Wall Insulation	Laborers ⁶ , Insulators, Carpenters	Insulation Applicators
Water Heater Blanket	Plumbers, Insulators	Heat & Frost Insulators, Plumbers/Pipefitters (part of water heater installation)
Water Heater Repair	Plumbers, Pipefitters	Plumbers/Pipefitters
Water Heater Replacement	Plumbers, Pipefitters	Plumbers/Pipefitters
Weatherstripping	Laborers ⁶ , Carpenters	Carpenters
Window Film (Tinted)	Laborers ⁶	Tinting and Coating Installers
Window Repair & Replacement	Carpenters, Glaziers (repair only – Laborer ⁶)	Carpenters, Glaziers ³

¹Cutting vents into an existing roof is the work of roofers and carpenters, except for metal roofs; Ironworkers cut into metal roofs; Roofers may remove, but not install or repair metal roofs. If the work involves more than passive ventilation, i.e., an electrical fan, an Inside Electrician may also be required.

²Carpenters may install battery powered detectors only, (not hard-wired); Electronic Technicians and Inside Electricians Install hard-wired systems.

³Glaziers install or remove glass and similar materials in windows, doors, etc., and may install metal window and door frames and perform certain other tasks for door and window installation and repair. They do not install non-metal door and window frames.

⁴Roofers may remove, but not install or repair metal roofs. Ironworkers repair metal roofs, including metal roof decking; Sheet Metal Workers may install metal roof decking, but do not otherwise install/repair metal roofs.

⁵Sheet Metal Workers applies only if the installation is part of furnace installation/replacement.

⁶"The DOL has informed DOE that if one were using the residential WD for the SEP and EECBG programs, contractors would select wage rates for plumbers (installation of hot water heaters) and other classifications, such as carpenters, electricians, and roofers. In many cases, the laborer classification contained in the residential building WD will be the appropriate classification for most of the tasks performed by the weatherization worker defined in the WAP WD. These activities include minor repairs, batt insulation, blown insulation, window and door repair, and weather stripping, solar film installation, air sealing, caulking, minor or incidental structural repairs, duct sealing, air sealing, installation of light bulbs, and installation of smoke detectors.

However, a one size fits all approach cannot be applied in all situations. Local area practice determines the applicable classification for specific work performed in the locality of the wage determination. In many cases, the residential WD will provide guidance as to the area practice as it applies to a specific classification. In these situations, the contractor must follow the local area practice in classifying its workers, and not classify all weatherization-type work under the laborer classification." <http://www.gc.energy.gov/GCHotlineFAQ.htm> Answer 16 under topic "Davis Bacon"

*Federal classifications were provided by Washington State University and Washington State Department of Commerce and should be verified with those entities and/or the U. S. Department of Labor.