

New Public Works “Responsibility” Criteria for All Public Works Contractors

Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Per: [ESSHB 1673](#)

Summary: Beginning July 1, 2019, all businesses are required to have training before bidding and/or performing work on public works projects. *Note: Contractors may continue working on a public works project that starts before July 1, 2019, and continues on or after July 1 without needing to meet this training requirement.*

To bid on public works projects with the Port of Olympia, Contractors will need to ensure they meet this training requirement before submitting any bid or accepting a Public Works contract on or after July 1, 2019. Awarding agencies will be required to verify all contractors submitting bids meet this new requirement before awarding the contract.

Verification: Use the [Verify a Contractor](#) tool to verify the training status for your company or other businesses. For projects starting on or after July 1, 2019, contractors and awarding agencies need to add this training requirement to the items you use to verify a business is responsible before hiring and working on public works projects.

Who's exempt? Contractors exempt from this training requirement if you've been in business with an active Unified Business Identifier (UBI) number for 3 or more years AND have performed work on 3 or more public works projects.

Free Training Options for Contractors:

Online

Now available! Businesses can now access online training through their [Prevailing Wage Intent and Affidavit portal](#). Take this training at your own pace during any time of the day! Once completed, you'll meet this new requirement. [Learn more about how to access this training](#).

In-person

Check out [L&I's Contractor Training Days](#) held around the state to sign up and attend our in-person, 3-hour training class. Sign up early as classes and registrations are limited.