



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	_8__ VAC_40_- _140__
Regulation title	VIRGINIA VOCATIONAL INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SHIPYARD WORKERS REGULATIONS
Action title	Creation of regulations
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

These regulations are being created in support of the Code of Virginia § 23-220.01 for the implementation and administration of a scholarship program for Shipyard Workers. These regulations provide purpose, definitions, use of funds, application procedures, selection of scholarship recipients, eligibility for initial scholarship, renewability of scholarships, scholarship conditions, scholarship amounts, non-compliance with scholarship agreement, and responsibility of the college (Tidewater Community College). Note that only Tidewater Community College has the academic and apprenticeship programs required by the scholarship program.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On May 8, 2007, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approved the VIRGINIA VOCATIONAL INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SHIPYARD WORKERS REGULATIONS, subject to the appropriate promulgation process.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

These regulations support the ship builders and ship repair companies located in the Commonwealth of Virginia that are experiencing a decline in qualified workers by providing financial support for employees to enhance their skills. This in turn provides a more stable working environment and increased opportunities for the workers and their families.