



Workforce Development Division

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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK



- ▶ National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) is a nationwide celebration that brings together business leaders, career seekers, labor, educational institutions, and other critical partners to demonstrate their support for apprenticeship.
- ▶ NAW also provides apprenticeship sponsors with the opportunity to showcase their programs, facilities, and apprentices in their community.
- ▶ The week-long celebration highlights the benefits of apprenticeship in preparing a highly-skilled workforce to meet the talent needs of employers across diverse industries.

HAWAII APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

- ▶ In conjunction with the National Apprenticeship Week, Hawaii will celebrate Apprenticeship Week on November 9-10, 2020.
- ▶ Because of restrictions on public meetings/gatherings and in compliance with social distancing requirements, Hawaii Apprenticeship Week will be celebrated virtually.
- ▶ This virtual celebration seeks to create awareness and provide information on the registered apprenticeship programs in Hawaii to various stakeholders and partners throughout the state.



Reducing Unemployment Disruption & Driving Economic Regeneration (RUDDER)



- ▶ DLIR's economic regeneration initiative providing State Employment & Training Funds in a unified effort to efficiently train and transfer labor into Hawaii's businesses.
- ▶ The primary objective of RUDDER is to facilitate an efficient labor exchange between the sectors hardest hit by COVID-19 and employers hiring employees.
- ▶ Serves as the foundational strategy for aligning federal workforce programs, to help reduce job losses and help minimize the economic slide due to COVID-19.
- ▶ Immediately infuses money into the economy.



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economy*

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Program Benefits

- ▶ Provides up to \$100,000 of relief to registered and compliant Hawaii businesses who hire new employees through the program.
- ▶ An initial \$500 payment per new employee is provided to each participating employer to offset training and associated costs.
- ▶ A second \$500 payment is issued for each new employee certified to have been retained by the employer after six months of continuous employment.

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Program Accomplishments

- ▶ DLIR has assisted 43 employers – reimbursing them over half a million dollars for their new hires through the program
- ▶ Employers have hired more than 1,000 new hires since RUDDER's inception in March 2020.





THANK YOU

FOR LISTENING