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| **PURPOSE:** To inform the staff of OA, State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA), Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors, and other Registered Apprenticeship partners of the approval of the new Competency-based Occupational Framework (CBOF) for the occupation of Woodwork Manufacturing Specialist (Existing Title: Machine Setter (Woodwork)).  Woodwork Manufacturing Specialist(Existing Title: Machine Setter (Woodwork) (Existing Title: Machine Setter (Woodwork))  O\*NET-SOC Code: 51-7042.00  RAPIDS Code: 0321CB  Type of Training: Competency-based  **BACKGROUND:** The National Office has approved a new Competency-based Occupational Framework (CBOF), developed in partnership with the Urban Institute. This CBOF has met industry standards and approval; it covers job titles and occupational pathways, related functions and performance criteria, as well as academic, workplace and personal competencies for job success. While use of CBOFs in developing standards utilizing the competency-based training approach is voluntary, no additional vetting of a Work Process Schedule (WPS) utilizing the CBOF should be required where a program aligns to the occupational framework described in a CBOF, beyond the basic requirements set forth in 29 CFR Part 29. While on-the-job learning (OJL) is ordinarily outlined in the WPS, sponsors who utilize a CBOF must develop the Related Instruction Outline, which should be included in the standards. The OA Administrator approved this occupation on July 15, 2020.  Woodwork manufacturing specialists:   * Work in the commercial and residential industries of the private sector; * Operate computer-controlled machines or robots and/or highly-skilled bench operations to perform several machine functions on wood pieces; * Ensure the smooth operation of the controlled manufacturing equipment at their worksite; * Help make sure that industrial machinery and equipment and the quality of hardware they produce are maintained at the highest possible level, ensuring the productivity and safety of the entire production team; and * Oversee quality assurance, verification, and inspection of equipment.   Within certain limits, the sponsors of CBOF apprenticeship programs are permitted to customize the job functions or competencies contained in a CBOF for Woodworking Manufacturing Specialist occupation.  However, OA encourages the use of all core competencies to be included in the approved WPS.  **ACTION:** OA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin and the attached CBOF as a source for developing apprenticeship standards and/or providing technical assistance.  If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Linton, Program Analyst, Division of Registered Apprenticeship and Policy at (202) 693-3592.  **NOTE:** This bulletin is being sent via electronic mail.  Attachment | | |