

For Immediate Release: Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026

Media Contact: [Dawn Dovre](#)

Apprenticeship Knowledge Series Lead to Launch

PIERRE, SD – The Department of Labor and Regulation is offering a free virtual Apprenticeship Knowledge Series session focused on developing and launching a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP).

This free webinar will be held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. CDT / 10:30 a.m. MDT. The session is open to employers, education partners, community stakeholders, and current or prospective RAP sponsors and supervisors.

Building a Registered Apprenticeship Program starts with understanding the process and having the right support. The session, “Lead to Launch,” will provide a step-by-step look at how employers can connect with the Start Today SD Team, identify workforce needs, design a program, develop apprenticeship standards, and move through the review and registration process.

Participants will gain a clear understanding of employer and Start Today SD Team responsibilities, the 30-day program determination period, provisional and apprentice registration, and the ongoing support sponsors receive throughout program development.

Whether an employer is exploring Registered Apprenticeship for the first time or ready to begin building a program, this session offers a straightforward overview of what to expect at each step.

Registration is required. Visit tinyurl.com/dlr-workshops and select the calendar listing for the event. For additional information, contact the Start Today SD Team at starttoday@state.sd.us or 605-610-7031.