

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

Specification for Class of

TRADES HELPER (70070)

**Abolished Initially Effective January 13, 2006**  
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Definition: Performs sub-journeyman level work in assisting a journeyman tradesman in building, maintaining, altering, or repairing plant buildings, facilities, and equipment

Scope of Class: This class comprises and is limited to those positions assigned as semi-skilled helpers in apprenticeable trades work. Duties become increasingly responsible and skilled as the incumbent acquires knowledge and skill on the job.

Typical Work

Performs sub-journeyman work in carpentry, painting, plastering, plumbing, steamfitting, electrical, mechanical, or machinist work to assist skilled craftsmen;

Operates simple power equipment and tools;

Secures material and positions it in place; cleans and cares for tools and equipment;

Performs rough to semi-skilled maintenance and repair work on buildings, fixtures, equipment, and furniture under very general supervision;

Operates automotive equipment to transport materials and supplies;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: Common methods, practices, and materials used in maintaining and repairing buildings, mechanical equipment, and building facilities; use and care of tools.

Ability to: Use hand and power tools with a reasonable degree of skill; acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to perform the trade to which assigned; understand and carry out written and oral instructions; perform heavy manual tasks.

Minimum Qualifications

One year as experience as a helper in building and equipment maintenance, construction, or repair work.

Note: A valid Washington State motor vehicle operator's license may be required.

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