Virgin Islands State Apprenticeship Council

State Sponsored Apprenticeship Programs:

Gold Coast Yachts, Inc.
- Boat Builder
- Marine Services Technician

Peace of St. Croix Inc. (Division of Massage Academy)
- Certified Massage Therapist

Plessen Healthcare
- Medical Assistant/Patient Care Coordinator
- Life Safety Coordinator
- Surgical Technologist

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The V.I. Department of Labor introduces the newly appointed members of the V.I. State Apprenticeship Council (VISAC), charged with setting the foundation for specialized training programs in the Territory. Of the 9 members appointed to the Apprenticeship Council, two (2) members must be selected from the Virgin Islands Department of Labor, one (1) of whom must be the Department’s Legal Counsel; two (2) members must be selected from the Virgin Islands Board of Career and Technical Education. Of the private sector members, two (2) must be persons who represent the interests of workers; two (2) must be persons who represent the interests of employers, and one (1) must be a person who is familiar with apprenticeable occupations.

The current VISAC members are as follows:
- Virgin Islands Department of Labor Representatives, one of whom must be the Department’s legal counsel:
  - Ms. Shenika Sebastien, Director of Youth and Apprenticeship
  - Atty. Nesha Christian-Hendrickson, Assistant Commissioner/Legal Counsel
- Virgin Islands Board of Career and Technical Education Representatives:
  - Dr. Michael Francois – Board Member – STX
  - Mr. Ronnie Jarvis – Board Member – STJ
- Private Sector – Interests of Workers Representatives:
  - Mr. Eugene Irish – President of the Seafarers Union
  - Ms. Shirley Sadler – Office of the Inspector General/Advocate of Second Chance Programs
- Private Sector – Interests of Employers Representatives:
  - Mr. Richard Doumeng – Owner of Bolongo Bay
  - Ms. Carla Scott – HR Director of AECOM
- Familiar with Apprenticeable Occupations Representative:
  - Dr. Suzanne Darrow-Magras – Director UVICELL and Chairperson

For more information on the V.I. State Apprenticeship Council visit V.I. State Apprenticeship Council banner tab on vidol.gov. Find out more about registering as a State Apprentice Program or see what becoming an apprentice can do to provide future career opportunities.
What are the functions of the VISAC?

The VI Apprenticeship Council performs the following functions:

- Assist in the development of procedures and policies for the promotion of apprenticeship in the Virgin Islands.
- Provide advice and guidance to the Department of Labor in the establishment of standards of apprenticeship in trades and apprenticeable occupations suitable to the economy and conditions in the Islands.
- Approves apprenticeship standards that meet minimum basic standards of regulations.
- Assists in educating the community to apprenticeship.
- Ensures compliance of Affirmative Action Plans associated with apprenticeship standards.
- Acts as second level of appeal for complaints of apprentices.