



WIA NOTICE NO. 08-NOT-38

TO: Chief Elected Officials
Local Workforce Investment Board Chairpersons
Local Workforce Investment Board Staff
WIA Fiscal Agents and Grant Recipients
WIA Program Services Administrators
Illinois workNet™ Operators
WIA State Agency Partners
Other Interested Persons

SUBJECT: Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses

DATE: June 11, 2009

I. SUBJECT INDEX

General Administration

II. PURPOSE

To inform Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) of their obligation to identify Veterans Eligible for Priority of Service at the point of entry to any Illinois workNet™ center and affiliate locations.

III. ISSUANCES AFFECTED

A. References:

Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Public Law 105-220
Workforce Investment Act Final Rules, 20 CFR Part 652; Part 660 et. al.
Jobs for Veterans Act (Pub. L. 107-288)
Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 5-03, Implementing the
Veterans' Priority Provisions of the "Jobs for Veterans Act"
(September 16, 2003)
Workforce Investment Act Final Rules, 20 CFR Part 652; Part 660 et. al.
Jobs for Veterans Act (Pub. L. 107-288)

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PY'04 WIA Policy Letter No. 04-01 Implementing the Veterans' Priority Provisions of the "Jobs for Veterans Act" (January 3, 2005)

B. Rescissions:

None

IV. BACKGROUND

The Jobs for Veterans Act (Public Law 107–288), enacted into law on November 7, 2002 established a priority of service for veterans (and some spouses) applicable to all U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) programs offering employment and training related services. "Priority of service" means that a covered person (as defined in PY'04 WIA Policy Letter No. 04-01) who is eligible for a program, shall be given priority over non-veterans for the receipt of program services, notwithstanding any other "priority" provisions of the law.

Note: a "veteran" is further defined as a person who served in an active military service and was discharged or released under conditions "other than dishonorable."

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) issued new regulations implementing priority of service for veterans and eligible spouses, as provided by the Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA), and as specified by the Veterans' Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006. JVA calls for priority of service to be implemented by all "qualified job training programs," defined as "any workforce preparation, development or delivery program or service that is directly funded, in whole or in part, by the Department of Labor."

V. COMPONENTS

As part of the new regulations mentioned above, LWIAs must identify covered persons at the point of entry of all Illinois workNet Centers and affiliate locations. To fulfill this requirement a poster titled "Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses" is attached to this notice and is also available on the Workforce Professionals pathway of the Illinois workNet website (select Resources/ Veterans). It must be posted at the entry points of all Illinois workNet Centers and affiliate locations.

This identification must also inform covered persons of their entitlement to priority of service, the services and resources available, and the eligibility requirements that apply.

The regulations specify that identification processes do not include verification of covered person status unless the individual immediately undergoes eligibility determination and enrollment.

VI. ACTION REQUIRED

All LWIAs, recipients and sub-recipients shall review this notice and distribute it to all appropriate individuals within the organization.

VII. INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be directed to DCEO, Ray Williams, at ray.williams@Illinois.gov.

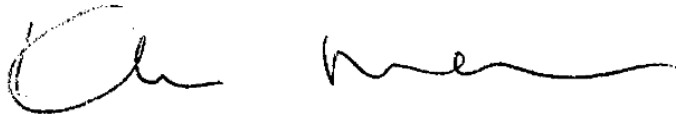
VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This notice is effective on release.

IX. EXPIRATION DATE

This notice will remain in effect until amended or rescinded by DCEO, Bureau of Workforce Development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Therese McMahon', written in a cursive style.

Therese McMahon, Deputy Director
Bureau of Workforce Development

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Attachment(s): "Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses" (Poster)