

Memo

To: Career Centers, Managers
From: WIA Adult Programs
Date: November 28, 2007
Re: Veterans Priority of Service

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to define the priority of services that will be given to the Veterans that are eligible for the WIA Adult and Dislocated Workers program.

Policy

The term “Veterans Priority of Service” means that a covered person, who meets program eligibility requirements, shall be given priority over non-veterans for the receipt of all services provided under WIA. A “covered person” is one of the following:

- A veteran who is an individual who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable;
- A recently separated veteran is any veteran who applies for participation under WIA Adult within 48 months after the discharge or release from active military, naval, or air service; or
- The spouse of:
 - A veteran who died of a service connected disability;
 - A member on active duty who (at time of spouse’s application) is listed as missing in action, capture in the line of duty, or forcibly detained; or
 - A veteran with a total disability from a service connected disability or one who died while being evaluated for it.

Veterans meeting program eligibility requirements are to be served within the context listed below:

- The first population to receive Intensive and Training Services will be veterans that are receiving public assistance and low-income;
- The second priority is for public assistance and low-income non-veterans;
- The third priority is for veterans who are not low-income or receiving public assistance; and
- The last priority is for adults who are non-veterans who are not low-income or receiving public assistance.

In the event there are more customers qualified and awaiting services, priority for service must be given to those eligible veterans.

Note: This program is subject to the provisions of the “Jobs for Veterans Act,” Public Law 107-288, which provides priority of service to veterans and spouses of certain veterans for the receipt of employment, training and placement services in any job training program directly funded, in whole or in part by the Department of Labor. Please be aware that, to obtain priority service, a veteran must meet the program’s eligibility requirements.