

## TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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<b>Date:</b>	April 1, 2008
<b>Keyword:</b>	TANF/Choices; TWIST; WIA
<b>Effective:</b>	Immediately

**To:** Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors  
Commission Executive Offices  
Integrated Service Area Managers



**From:** Laurence M. Jones, Director, Workforce Development Division

**Subject:** **Literacy and Numeracy Testing for Out-of-School Youth: Revised**

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### **PURPOSE:**

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with revised educational functioning levels (EFLs) associated with each grade equivalency, which are used in the calculation of the Literacy and Numeracy Gains Common Measure for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) out-of-school youth.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 17-05, Change 1, issued on August 13, 2007, and entitled "Common Measures Policy for the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Performance Accountability System and Related Performance," provides:

- additional clarification on the Literacy and Numeracy Gains Common Measure; and
- revised EFL descriptors from the U.S. Department of Education, implemented for Program Year 2007 (as of July 1, 2007).

TEGL 17-05, Change 1, can be accessed at [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.cfm?DOCN=2505](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2505).

The Texas Workforce Commission's Performance Analysis and Reporting Department has determined that there is no significant impact on literacy and numeracy performance outcomes in the state resulting from the change in EFLs.

The Workforce Information System of Texas (TWIST) has been modified to include the revised EFLs.

Attachment 1 to this WD Letter provides:

- the new EFLs; and
- revised language regarding youth remaining basic-skills deficient.

**PROCEDURES:**

Boards must:

- remove Page 4 of Attachment 1 to WD Letter 61-06, Change 1; and
- replace it with the revised Page 4, included as Attachment 1 to this WD Letter.

**NLF**

The remainder of the information in WD Letter 61-06, Change 1, and its two attachments continues in effect.

**INQUIRIES:**

Direct inquiries regarding this WD Letter to [wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us).

**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment 1: WD Letter 61-06, Change 2, Attachment 1 (Page 4)

**RESCISSIONS:**

Page 4, WD Letter 61-06, Change 1, Attachment 1

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**REFERENCE:**

United States Department of Labor Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 17-05, Change 1, issued August 13, 2007, and entitled “Common Measures Policy for the Employment and Training Administration’s (ETA) Performance Accountability System and Related Performance”

**FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:**

**No Local Flexibility (NLF):** This rating indicates that Boards must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. All information with an NLF rating is indicated by “must” or “shall.”

**Local Flexibility (LF):** This rating indicates that Boards have local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to implement guidance or recommended practices set forth in this WD Letter. All information with an LF rating is indicated by “may” or “recommend.”