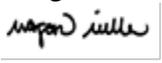


TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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


From: Reagan Miller, Director, Workforce Development Division

Subject: **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Guidelines for Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth**

PURPOSE:

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Guidelines for Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth*.

BACKGROUND:

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014, formally overhauling and reauthorizing the expired Workforce Investment Act of 1998. WIOA provides workforce development activities that enhance the employability, occupational attainment, retention, and earnings of job seekers, while matching employers with skilled workers.

WIOA encompasses six core programs and a number of partner programs. The six core programs are:

- adult training;
- dislocated worker training;
- youth training;
- adult education and literacy;
- Wagner-Peyser Employment Service; and
- vocational rehabilitation.

WIOA made a number of changes to eligibility and service delivery for the adult, dislocated worker, and youth programs.

The purpose of the *WIOA Guidelines for Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth* is to provide Boards with criteria and documentation sources for establishing

WIOA Title I program eligibility for adults, dislocated workers, and youth. This policy guidance is based on WIOA and the five notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRMs) spanning WIOA Titles I–IV, which were published in the *Federal Register* on April 16, 2015. If necessary, guidelines will be updated upon the issuance of final rules, expected in January 2016.

PROCEDURES:

NLF: Boards must be aware that the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Guidelines for Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth*:

- provides Boards with criteria and documentation sources for establishing WIOA Title I program eligibility for adults, dislocated workers, and youth; and
- is available at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/files/jobseekers/workforce-innovation-and-opportunity-act-guidelines-for-adults-dislocated-workers-and-youth-twc.pdf>.

INQUIRIES:

Direct inquiries regarding this WD Letter to wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us.

RESCISSIONS:

None

REFERENCE:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

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.”