



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY

LOCAL POLICY BULLETIN #2018-01

Veteran and Adult Priority of Service

Effective date: August 23, 2018

(Original effective date: January 10, 2018)

**SUBJECT:** Veteran and Adult Priority of Service

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to re-establish priority of service for Veterans within the WIOA and America's Job Center of California systems of Ventura County.

**REFERENCES:**

WIOA Section 134(c)(3)(E), 3(5), 3(15)(E) & 3(16)(A) and (B)

Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-09, 22-04 & 19-16

38 U.S.C. 4213.

**POLICY:**

WIOA establishes a priority requirement with respect to funds allocated to a local area for Adult employment and training activities. One-stop center staff responsible for these funds must give priority to recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals, and individuals who are basic skills deficient in the provision of individualized career services, and training services, priority was required to be given to public assistance recipients and low-income individuals when States and local areas determined that allocated funds were limited. Under WIOA, priority must be provided regardless of the level of funds. WIOA also expanded the priority to include individuals who are basic skills deficient.

Veterans and eligible spouses continue to receive priority of service for all DOL-funded job training programs, which include WIOA programs. However, when programs are statutorily required to provide priority for a particular group of individuals, such as the WIOA priority described above, priority must be provided in the following order:

1. First, to veterans and eligible spouses who also are included in the groups given statutory priority for WIOA adult formula funds. This means that veterans and eligible spouses who also are recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals\*, or individuals who are basic skills deficient would receive first priority for services provided with WIOA adult formula funds.
2. Second, to non-covered persons (individuals who are not veterans or eligible spouses) who are included in the groups given priority for WIOA adult formula funds.
3. Third, to veterans and eligible spouses who are not included in WIOA's priority groups.
4. Fourth, to any other populations identified by the Governor or Local Board for priority.
5. Last, to non-covered persons outside the groups given priority under WIOA.

Note: When past income is an eligibility determinant for Federal employment or training programs, any amounts received as military pay or allowances by any person who served on active duty, and certain other specified benefits must be disregarded for the veteran and for other individuals for whom those amounts would normally be applied in making an eligibility determination. Military earnings are not to be included when calculating income for veterans or transitioning service members for this priority.

**INQUIRIES:**

Inquiries regarding this policy can be addressed to the WDB administrative staff: 805-477-5306.