

As approved by the CSS Workforce New York Executive Committee on 12.5.19

Priority of Service will be provided in the following order for the delivery of individualized career services and all training services in compliance with WIOA §134(c)(3)(E), WIOA § 680.210 (d), § 680.600, TEGL 19-16, TA #12-12.5

First, to veterans and eligible spouses who are also recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals or individuals who are basic skills deficient

Second, to recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals or individuals who are basic skills deficient

Third, to veterans and eligible spouses not otherwise identified as above

Fourth, to priority populations established by the Governor and/or Local WDB

Last, to person's outside the groups given priority under WIOA.

Definitions

Veterans are defined as "a person who has served at least one day in the active military, naval or air service and who was discharged or released from such service with other than a dishonorable discharge."

- a) Active duty: Full-time duty in the United States armed forces, other than active duty for training.
- b) Armed Forces: U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including their reserve component.
- c) Active Duty for Training: Full-time duty in the armed forces performed by a reserve component (i.e. basic training, military job training, drill weekends, annual two-week drill, etc.)
- d) Reserve Component: Generally perform a minimum of 39 days of active duty for training annually and are also referred to as the Guard or Reserves:
 - The Army Reserve;
 - The Navy Reserve;
 - The Marine Corps Reserve;
 - The Air Force Reserve;
 - The Coast Guard Reserve;
 - The Army National Guard of the United States;
 - The Air National Guard of the United States.

Eligible spouses must meet one qualification:

- A spouse of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability
- A spouse of any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for the priority, is listed in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days:
 - Missing in action
 - Captured in the line of duty by a hostile force; or
 - Forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power
- A spouse of any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service-connected disability, as evaluated by the Department of Veterans Affairs
- A spouse of any veteran who died while a disability was in existence

Public Assistance is defined as “Federal, State or local government cash payments for which eligibility is determined by a needs or income test.” (I.e.: SSI, SSD, local general relief payments to homeless individuals)

Low Income Individuals is defined as an individual who;

- Receives, or in the past 6 months has received, or is a member of a family that is receiving or in the past 6 months has received, assistance through the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families program under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act , or the supplemental security income program established under title XVI of the Social Security Act, or State or local income-based public assistance
- Is in a family with total family income that does not exceed the higher of
 - The poverty line or
 - 70 percent of the lower living standard income level
- Is a homeless individual
- Receives or is eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch, or
- Is a foster child on behalf of whom State or local government payments are made
- Is an individual with a disability whose own income meets the income requirement of clause above but who is a member of a family whose income does not meet the requirements

* 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

Basic skills deficient is defined in WIOA 3(5)(B) as

- A youth that has English, reading, writing or computing skills at or below the 8th grade level on a generally accepted standardized test *or*
- A youth or adult that is unable to compute or solve problems, or read, write, or speak English at a level necessary to function on the job, in the individuals’ family or in society