

**WASHINGTON STATE  
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
MEETING NO. 169  
MARCH 14, 2013**

**ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER POLICY**

The Board adopts the criteria used to determine the eligibility of programs authorized to provide training funded by Workforce Investment Act Title I-B Individual Training Accounts. The same criteria are used to determine eligibility to train dislocated workers receiving additional unemployment insurance benefits under the state's Training Benefits program. At the March meeting, the Board will act on changes for the program year: July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, as discussed at the previous Board meeting on January 24, 2013.

The proposed criteria for 2013-2014 raises the earnings criteria in order to maintain the policy of matching the federal poverty guidelines, and raises the hourly wage criteria to adjust for inflation.

The minimum floor for earnings would increase from \$3,678 to \$3,783 in a calendar quarter to match the January 2012 poverty guideline for a family of two. The target for earnings would increase from \$4,633 to \$4,773 in a calendar quarter to match the new poverty guideline for a family of three.

The proposal would raise the hourly wage minimum floor from \$10.06 to \$10.30 to keep up with inflation (based on the average consumer price index for 2012). The performance target hourly wage would increase from \$11.14 to \$11.40. There are no other changes.

**Board Action Required:** Adoption of the Recommended Motion.

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 99-02 designates the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to develop criteria for Eligible Training Providers under Title I of P.L. 105-220 (the Workforce Investment Act) and standards for measuring and reporting eligible provider program performance and cost information;

**WHEREAS**, Under the state's Training Benefits Program, a program must meet criteria for performance developed by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board for the purpose of determining those training programs eligible for funding under Title I of P.L. 105-220;

**WHEREAS**, In January 2012, the Board last adopted criteria for determining training provider eligibility; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Interagency Committee, including representatives of local Workforce Development Councils and training providers, has reviewed and supports the proposed changes in the criteria for determining training provider eligibility;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, on behalf of the Governor, adopts the Performance Criteria for Determining Training Program Eligibility for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

**Performance Criteria for Determining Training Provider  
Program Eligibility  
For July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014**

(Changes from current criteria are underlined.)

**I. State Required Performance Levels**

In order for a program of a training provider to be eligible, the program must meet or exceed certain performance levels.

A program must meet or exceed each of the following minimum performance floors:

- A completion rate of 20 percent.
- An employment rate of 50 percent.
- An earnings level of \$ 3,783 in a calendar quarter or \$ 10.30 per hour.

Failure to achieve any one of these minimum floors shall make the program ineligible.

In addition, the program must achieve at least an average of 100 percent of the following performance targets:

- A completion rate of 30 percent.
- An employment rate of 65 percent.
- An earnings level of \$ 4,773 in a calendar quarter or \$ 11.40 per hour.

The average shall be calculated by dividing actual performance on each measure, for which there is sufficient data, by the target for that measure, adding the results together, and dividing by the number of measures for which there is sufficient data.

If a program meets or exceeds each of the minimum performance floors and an average of 100 percent of the performance targets, the program shall be determined to have satisfied the state required performance levels.

If a program fails to meet the eligibility requirements for earnings, the program may still qualify by meeting the requirements for hourly wages. The requirements for hourly wages are:

- Minimum floor: \$10.30 per hour.
- Performance target: \$11.44 per hour.

## Appendix A

**Table 1: Effect of Current Performance Criteria on Eligibility: 2012 ETP Performance Analysis Results**

	Programs on the ETP List Total	Met performance standards: Eligible		Did not meet performance standards: Not Eligible		No data reported: Not Eligible		Interim Eligible <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Community and Technical College Programs</b>	3,255	2,574	79%	236	7%	N/A	N/A	445	14%
<b>Private Career School Programs<sup>2</sup></b>	836	249	30%	43	5%	47	6%	497	59%
<b>Public and Private Degree-granting University and College Programs</b>	1,002	352	33%	5	0.5%	27	3%	618	57%
<b>Registered Apprenticeship Programs</b>	473	88	19%	85	18%	N/A	N/A	300	63%

<sup>1</sup> These programs are considered eligible but have not been included in the performance analysis due to one or more of the following reasons: the program is new or trains too few students and did not report enough exiters for analysis, there are problems with the data, or the program did not train any students during the reporting period. A minimum of 25 exiters is needed for analysis.

<sup>2</sup> Includes schools licensed by the Workforce Board or Department of Licensing, cosmetology schools and FAA-approved flight training, and training programs approved by local Workforce Development Councils for inclusion on the ETP List.