

**WASHINGTON STATE  
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
MEETING NO. 177  
MARCH 20, 2014**

**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, 2014 to June 30, 2015, as discussed at the previous Board meeting on January 23, 2014.

The proposed criteria for 2014-2015 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 \$3,783 to \$3,878 in a calendar quarter to match the January 2013 poverty guideline for a family of two. The target for earnings would increase from \$4,773 to \$4,883 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 \$10.30 to \$10.46 to keep up with inflation (based on the average consumer price index for 2013). The performance target hourly wage would increase from \$11.40 to \$11.57. There are no other changes.

Staff will also provide an update on the composition of the Board subcommittee that will identify recommendations for the 2015 criteria.

**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 March 2013, 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, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

**Performance Criteria for Determining Training Provider  
Program Eligibility  
For July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

(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 \$3,878 in a calendar quarter or \$10.46 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 \$4,883 in a calendar quarter or \$11.57 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: \$10.46 per hour.
- Performance target: \$11.57 per hour.