POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

POLICY TYPE: WIOA Priority of Service for Individual Career Services and Training Services
EFFECTIVE: 07/01/17

BACKGROUND: Under WIA, priority of service was for Adult fund title and only to be enacted in a local area if funds were limited. Under WIOA, priority must be implemented regardless of fund availability across all titles.

REFERENCE: WIOA Section 134 (c) (3) (E) (24)
TEGL 19-16
20 CFR 680.600 through 660
Oregon Workforce Investment Board Priority of Service Policy

PURPOSE:

This policy is to establish Priority of Service requirements with respect to WIOA Adult funding of Individualized Career Services and Training Services. The WIOA regulations require a policy be set by the Local Workforce Boards that assures that priority is given to veterans, spouses, and low income individuals as stated in this policy.

POLICY:

Lane Workforce Partnership will assure that all contractors and sub recipients of WIOA funds will apply “Priority of Service” as prescribed in WIOA and set out in this policy.

All WIOA funds that are allocated to Individualized Career Services and Training Services must have priority of service applied as outlined in this policy regardless of fund availability. The affected individuals must meet all eligibility of the program or services prior to priority of services being considered.

Veteran and Eligible Spouse- An individual or spouse of an individual who served at least one day of active service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable should be given priority for all services. Note: In instance of divorce, the spouse would lose their “eligible spouse” designation.

Priority of Service-WIOA Adult funds expended on Individualized Career Services and/or Training Services, priority must be given to:
   a. Individuals who are recipients of public assistance
   b. Individuals who are low income
   c. Individuals who are basic skill deficient
   d. English language learners
**Order of Priority:** Priority must be provided in the following order:

i. First to veterans and eligible spouses who are also included in the Statutory Priority group for WIOA Adult funding streams.
ii. Second to a non-veterans or spouses who are included in the Statutory Priority group
iii. Third to veterans and eligible spouses who are not included in priority groups
iv. Fourth any populations established by the governor or local workforce boards
v. Last non-veterans or spouses that are outside the groups given priority under WIOA.

WIOA Adult Program Provider must take into account priority of service as set out in this policy when expending WIOA funded Individualized or Career Services.

**ISSUED:**

Date: LWP Director of Workforce Investments