

WIOA Region 5 (South Central and Southwest)

Policy Letter #1 –2019

Effective Date: **October 1, 2019**

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Purpose: To establish a policy to clarify priority of service and define the terms used in Dislocated Worker.

Background: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (TEGL 19-16) and DEED’s State and WIOA Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy requires that local workforce development boards to establish local policies on priority of service and define terms in Dislocated Worker Eligibility including general announcement, unlikely to return to previous industry or occupation and a self-employed individual.

Policy/Procedure: Region 5 Service providers will follow DEED’s Eligibility Policies for WIOA Dislocated Worker and State Dislocated programs. Region 5 will also adopt the DEED’s Dislocated Worker Program Definitions and follow DEED’s Dislocated Worker Acceptable Documentation List.

Priority for service will be given to veterans and eligible spouses. This priority of service does not change program eligibility requirements; a veteran and/or eligible spouse must first qualify for the specific program before the priority of service is applied.

Related Links:

[DEED’s WIOA DW Eligibility Policy](#)

[DEED’s State DW Eligibility Policy](#)

[DEED’s Dislocated Worker Program Definitions](#)

[DEED’s DW Acceptable Documentation List](#)