



Workforce Solutions

North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions

DWS Policy Statement Number: PS 03-2017

Date: January 17, 2017

Subject: Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses in all U.S. Department of Labor Job Training Programs

From:

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Purpose: To emphasize to staff of local Workforce Development Boards, Division of Workforce Solutions Offices, and NCWorks Career Centers provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Final Rule for Priority in all federally-funded training and employment programs as prescribed in the Jobs for Veterans Act, and to provide instruction on the implementation of the provisions. To rescind DWS Policy Statement Number PS 12-2014.

Background: The Jobs for Veterans Act, Public Law 107-288, was signed into law on November 7, 2002. One provision of the Jobs for Veterans Act, codified at 38 U.S.C. § 215 establishes a priority of service requirement for covered persons (i.e., veterans and eligible spouses, including widows and widowers, as defined by this statute) in qualified job training programs. Relevant documents are provided as attachments.

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Action: All appropriate staff must be aware of and comply with Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses Final Rule, effective January 19, 2009. Local Workforce Investment Boards will develop policies implementing priority of service for the One-Stop Career Centers and other service delivery providers in their strategic local plan. This Policy and attached documents must be maintained on file and made available to all USDOL/Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS), and other federal and state personnel conducting office audit reviews. This Policy Statement and attachments are available at www.nccommerce.com/workforce for reference.

Effective Date: Immediately

Expiration: Indefinite

- Contact:** Division of Workforce Solutions, Veterans' Employment Services
- Attachments:**
1. Training and Employment Notice: 15-10
 2. Summary of Priority of Service for Eligible Veterans and Spouses
- References**
1. "Jobs for Veterans Act," Public Law 107-288 (issued November 7, 2002)
 2. Training and Employment Guidance Letter 10-09 (issued November 10, 2009)
 3. Veterans Program Letter No. 07-09 (issued November 20, 2009)

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