Washington State WorkSource Information Notice (WIN)

WIN Number: 0152

WIN Title: Federal Stay on Implementation of Training and Employment Guidance

Letter 10-23, Change 2.

Date: August 6, 2025

Expiration: September 3, 2025

Purpose:

To communicate agreement of the U.S. Department of Labor to stay implementation of Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-23, Change 2, through September 3, 2025.

Action Required:

Local Workforce Development Boards and their contractors, as well as Employment Security Regional Directors, must distribute this guidance broadly throughout the system to ensure that WorkSource System staff are familiar with its content and requirements.

Content:

Twenty (20) states, including Washington, and the District of Columbia filed suit against the U.S. Departments of Justice, Health and Human Services, Education, and Labor on July 25, 2025 challenging the notices issued by those Federal agencies with interpretations of *Federal Public Benefits* under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). In response to the suit, those Federal agencies agreed to stay implementation of their notices through September 3, 2025.

In the case of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), guidance on its interpretation of *Federal Public Benefits* was issued on July 10, 2025 through TEGL 10-23, Change 2 (Work Authorization Verification in Grant Programs Administered by the Employment and Training Administration).

TEGL 10-23, Change 2, directed grantees of DOL Employment and Training Administration (ETA) programs, including the WIOA Title I-B youth, adult, and dislocated worker programs, WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants, Wagner-Peyser Employment Service, and WIOA Section 167 National Farmworker Jobs Program, among others, to request, verify, and retain copies of work authorization documentation from otherwise program-eligible individuals that receive participant-level services as defined in Attachment II of TEGL 19-16.

In light of the Federal court stay, state grantees, subrecipients, and contractors in receipt of these DOL ETA program funds can, for now, continue program activities without complying with TEGL 10-23, Change 2.

An update to WIN 0152 will be issued after September 3, 2025 to update the system on the status of TEGL 10-23, Change 2.

References:

- U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island, Case 1:25-cv-00345-MSM-PAS, Document 39; July 25, 2025
- Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-23, Change 2; July 10, 2025
- Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 19-16; Attachment II, March 1, 2017

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Attachments:

None