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WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

**The Virginia Community College System
VIRGINIA WORKFORCE LETTER (VWL) #15-01, Change 1**

TO: LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS

FROM: George Taratsas 
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SUBJECT: Procedure for Establishing Training Provider Eligibility under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014

ORIGINAL DATE: July 22, 2015

REVISION DATE: December 18, 2015

PURPOSE:

VWL 15-01, Change 1 has been revised to extend the transition period for training providers that were determined eligible under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016. This extension is in accordance with the Training and Employment Guidance Letter WIOA No. 41-14, Change 1.

REFERENCES:

Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act, Sections 107, 116, 122 and 134
Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) WIOA No. 41-14
Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) WIOA No. 41-14, Change 1
Code of Virginia §23-276.1 - §23-276.12, §23-276.14, §23-276.2 and §23-276.4

BACKGROUND:

The [Virginia Board of Workforce Development Policy \(VBWD Policy\): 13-02 Occupational Skills Training Policy](#), provided the guidance in determining Eligible Training Providers for the State of Virginia. The purpose of this letter is to provide transitional guidance as the Board evaluates revisions to its policy 13-02 to address additional eligibility requirements and performance measure reporting for training providers.

According to WIOA sec. 122, States, in partnership with Local WDBs, must identify eligible training providers that are qualified to receive WIOA title I-B funds to train adults and dislocated workers, including those with disabilities. Therefore, WIOA requires that each State must maintain a list of eligible training providers and their eligible training programs. States must implement the initial eligibility procedures for new training providers under WIOA by July 22, 2015.

VWL 15-01 is in reference to the Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) WIOA No. 41-14, WIOA Title I Training Provider Eligibility Transition. TEGL WIOA No. 41-14 in accordance with WIOA sec. 122, explains the requirements for determining training provider eligibility in order to utilize WIOA title I-B training funds. Based on this guidance, VCCS WDS had developed procedures for Eligible Training Providers from July 22, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

VWL 15-01, Change 1 is in reference to the Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) WIOA No. 41-14, Change 1, WIOA Title I Training Provider Eligibility Transition. Issued November 24, 2015, TEGL WIOA No. 41-14, Change 1 updates TEGL No. 41-14 to extend the transition period for training providers that were determined eligible under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) title I to June 30, 2016 or an earlier date as determined by the Governor. VWL 15-01, Change 1 is extending the transition period for training providers and programs that were eligible under the WIA title I to remain eligible under WIOA title 1-B until March 31, 2016.

CHANGES:

- A. The March 31, 2016 date change amends the following Sections of VWL 15-01:
 - a. Purpose, p. 1
 - b. Background, Paragraph 3, p. 2
 - c. Guidance, Continued Eligibility of Approved Training Provider Programs, Paragraph 1, p. 3.
 - d. Guidance, New Eligible Training Providers, Paragraph 1, p. 3

In each of the above, December 31, 2015 is amended to say March 31, 2016.

- B. The April 1, 2016 date change amends the following Sections of VWL 15-01:
 - a. Guidance, Continued Eligibility of Approved Training Provider Programs, Paragraph 1, p. 3.
 - b. Guidance, New Eligible Training Providers, Paragraph 1, p. 3

In each of the above, January 1, 2016 is amended to say April 1, 2016.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Local Workforce Development Areas must proceed with the actions outlined in VWL 15-01 and this VWL, 15-01, Change 1.

INQUIRIES:

Questions regarding this guidance should be emailed to wioa@vccs.edu.