



VETERANS PRIORITY OF SERVICES

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) establishes a priority requirement with respect to services available for adult employment and training activities. Veterans and eligible spouses continue to receive priority of services for all Department of Labor funded job-training programs, which includes WIOA.

The Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA), signed into law on November 7, 2002, to revise and improve employment, training, and job placement services to veterans. The JVA requires there be priority of service for veterans and eligible spouses in any workforce preparation, development, or delivery program or service directly funded in whole or in part, by the U.S. Department of Labor (Section 2(a) of the Act).

In the WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Program, first priority for Basic Career and Individualized services must be given to public assistance recipients, other low-income individuals and individuals who are basic skills deficient. While veterans' priority is required under federal law and cannot be waived, it is not intended to displace existing eligibility requirements and statutory priorities. Veterans and eligible spouses must first meet both the program's eligibility and statutory priority criteria to receive priority for participation in the program and receipt of services. Veterans' Priority of Service would be established as follows:

1. The first group to be served would be veterans and who are either public assistance recipients, low-income individuals, or basic skills deficient.
2. The second group to be served would be non-veterans who are either public assistance recipients, low-income individuals, or basic skills deficient.
3. Veterans receive priority over non-veterans among customers who are not public assistance recipients or low-income individuals.
4. Veterans who are Dislocated Workers receive priority over non-veteran Dislocated Workers.
5. Youth who meet Youth program eligibility requirement and are veterans receive priority in all groups above the same as a non-youth veteran.

