

POLICY
VETERANS' PRIORITY OF SERVICE
UNDER THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

1) Background

The Jobs for Veterans Act, enacted into Public Law 107–288 on November 7, 2002 made a number of amendments to encourage veterans' access to services within an integrated one-stop service delivery system. The law established a priority of service requirement applicable to all DOL programs offering employment and training related services.

“Priority of service” means that a covered person who is eligible for a program, shall be given priority over non-veterans for the receipt of program services, not withstanding any other “priority” provisions of the law.

This policy must apply to all DOL-funded programs, including WIOA Adult, Dislocated worker, and Youth programs, WIOA statewide activity programs, Dislocated Worker National Emergency Grants, and the Trade Adjustment Assistance program.

2) Objective

To provide priority of service to veterans and the spouses of certain veterans for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services in any job training program directly funded, in whole or in part, by the Department of Labor.

3) Recommendation

A priority of service will be given to veterans and spouses of certain veterans for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services in any job training program in Will County under any program receiving funds from the Department of Labor. Services will be coordinated with the Veterans Assistance Commission where feasible or other agencies assisting in the career development and placement of veterans.

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