

**THE OREGON CONSORTIUM & OREGON WORKFORCE ALLIANCE
POLICY MEMORANDUM #WIA-5-R10/04**

DATE: Revised October 22, 2004
SUBJECT: Needs-Related Payments
REFERENCE: WIA Sections 134 (e)(3)(A-C)

POLICY:

Needs-related payments **will not be available for adult participants** but MAY be provided to eligible dislocated workers who are unable to participate or complete training without such assistance. Assistance is contingent upon funds available and the number of requests being submitted. [WIA, Section 134 (e)(3)(A-C)] If a Region within TOC chooses to allow for Needs Related payments they may adjust their requirements within the boundaries of this policy.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Participant must meet the requirements for a dislocated worker status and documentation must be in their file.
2. Participant must be enrolled in a WIA and TOC authorized training program before they can be considered for NEEDS-RELATED PAYMENTS.
3. Participant must be unemployed and have ceased to qualify for unemployment compensation.
4. Participant must be enrolled in a program of training services by the end of the 13th week after the most recent layoff that resulted in a determination of the worker's eligibility as a dislocated worker, or if later, by the end of the 8th week after the worker is informed that a short-term layoff will exceed 6 months.
5. Participant must not have been disqualified from receiving UI benefits because of fraud or overpayments and must have received UI benefits within the last 12 months.

6. Participant must be enrolled in an approved training program, as defined by TOC and the region and/or the educational training site. Payment may be provided if the participant has been accepted in a training program that will begin within 30 calendar days. Participants will not be paid during any school break that exceeds 14 days.

Participants who meet the above criteria may be eligible to receive Needs-Related Payments for up to 52 weeks at an amount determined by the regional provider and not to exceed the participant's most recent weekly unemployment insurance benefit level following the worker's exhaustion of regular UI benefits. If such worker did not qualify for unemployment compensation, an amount not to exceed the poverty line, for an equivalent period, which amount shall be adjusted to reflect changes in total family income.

Participants who meet any of the following criteria WILL NOT be eligible for NEEDS RELATED PAYMENTS:

- Become employed
- Participants who are not making satisfactory progress in their training plan as defined by TOC or the Regional subgrant recipient and/or the educational training site
- Enter an on-the-job training
- Become eligible for UI benefits
- Out-of-the- area job search,
- Basic readjustment services, or
- Trade readjustment allowances (i.e., on-the-job training, out-of-the-area job search allowances, or relocation allowances)

NEED-RELATED PAYMENTS will be made on a first come, first serve basis.

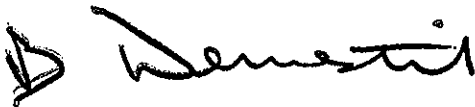
NEED-RELATED PAYMENTS are possible only if sufficient funding is available.

ACTION:

The TOC/OWA administrative office and regional subgrant recipients shall follow this policy. This policy will remain in effect from the date of issue until such time that a revision is required.

INQUIRIES:

Inquiries should be addressed to the TOC/OWA Director of Operations at 1-866-888-4TOC.



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