

**The Oregon Consortium & Oregon Workforce Alliance  
Requirements for Disaster NEG Participants Policy WIA-44-01/08**

**Date:** January 8, 2008

**Subject:** Requirements for Disaster National Emergency Grant Participants

**References:**

- Workforce Investment Act Public Law 105-220, Title I, Section 173;
  - 20 CFR 671 WIA Final Regulations,
  - TEGL 16-03 National Emergency Grant (NEG) Policy Guidance;
  - TEGL 17-05 Common Measures Policy for the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Performance Accountability System and Related Performance Issues; and
  - TOC/OWA WIA 1B Program Guide.
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**Purpose:**

To provide Regional WIA 1B service providers with the definition of "long-term unemployed" for disaster National Emergency Grant (NEG) participant eligibility.

**Background:**

Section 173(d)(2) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) outlines the following three participant eligibility criteria for disaster NEGs:

- Workers who have been temporarily or permanently dislocated as a result of the disasters.
- Eligible dislocated workers as defined in WIA §101(9)(B), (C), and (D)
- Long-term unemployed individuals

Disaster NEGs allow child care services to be provided to an individual who is participating in NEG services, including WIA Core, Intensive, Training services, or disaster relief employment. Disaster NEGs also allow child care to be provided during the 12-month follow-up period after an individual obtains employment, if funding is available.

**Procedures:**

**Long-Term Unemployed Definition**

Regional WIA 1B service providers must be aware that the Oregon Workforce Alliance has established the following definition for "long-term unemployed" for the purpose of disaster NEG participant eligibility:

- Individuals who were unemployed at the time of the disaster;
- Individuals who were seeking employment prior to the disaster;
- Individuals who do not currently have employment opportunities to return to because of the disaster.

Based on this definition, individuals who were not employed at the time of the disaster [i.e., individuals not meeting the first or second criterion of WIA §173(d)(2)] are eligible to be served under the definition of long-term unemployed—the third criterion of WIA §173(d)(2).

**Actions Required:**

Regional WIA 1B service providers must ensure that appropriate staff is apprised of and complies with the requirements in this policy.

**Inquiries:**

Inquires should be addressed to TOC/OWA Chief Operations Officer at 1-866-888-4TOC.



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