

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 09-32**

Policy  Information

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**To:** Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Regional Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Michael Taylor, Director  
Department of Workforce Development

Nancy Snyder, President/CEO  
Commonwealth Corporation

**Date:** May 20, 2009

**Subject:** **Youth Summer Employment Income as Noncountable for TAFDC Eligibility**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and local workforce investment partners of changes to Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance's (DTA) policy with regard to income earned through summer employment and its effect on TAFDC eligibility.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, DTA State Letter No. 1350 (Attachment A) was sent to Department staff to transmit notification of changes to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 106, Chapter 204, page 204.250 with regard to the status of income earned by youth during summer employment activities as it concerns the determination of continuing family eligibility for TAFDC benefits. As stated in the letter, the regulations regarding sources of income exempted from being counted in the determination of TAFDC eligibility has been changed to include:

“Summer employment income earned between May 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009, by recipients aged 14-24 is non-countable.”

This regulatory change addresses concerns that have been raised with regard to the participation of TAFDC eligible youth in ARRA funded Summer Employment activities.

In addition, please be aware that Youthbuild or Americorps allowances, earnings or payments to individuals participating in those programs have been previously exempted as income to be counted in TAFDC eligibility determinations and are included in the language at 106 CMR 204.250.

**Action**

**Required:** Please inform all persons concerned with WIA youth eligibility determination and Youth Summer Employment activities of this DTA policy change.

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