

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operation Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Date: April 9, 2015

Subject: **Release Date of MOSES Version 34.5 will be April 17, 2015**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners that MOSES 34.5 is scheduled for release to the desktops on Friday, April 17, 2015.

Background: The release date to the field for MOSES 34.5 is Friday, April 17th.

This will be a weekday night-time build.

MOSES will be shut down at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015 for the updates and the maintenance of the MOSES software and MOSES Applications (JobQuest / TrainingPro).

This will **NOT** interrupt other IT services or functions to the offices, only MOSES will be taken off-line. Email, unemployment assistance systems and internet services will still be available.

Please plan on completing and saving your MOSES data entry by 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 16th, and then log off MOSES. This will ensure that when you log into MOSES on Friday, April 17th, you will have the new version of MOSES available and any work done prior will be saved.

Action

Required: Local Workforce Investment Boards, Career Center operators, and workforce partners should ensure that their staff are made aware of the MOSES shutdown on Thursday April 16th, and that Career Centers and other MOSES users plan their workloads accordingly in preparation for MOSES to shut down at 4:30 p.m.

Below is a description of the major changes in MOSES Version 34.5.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Please email all questions to tcartier@detma.org . Please reference this MassWorkforce Issuance number in your inquiry.

Description of Changes in MOSES Version 34.5

The key MOSES 34.5 changes are:

1. **New Snapshot screen related to Job Seekers** (On Job Seeker – Special Program tab).

This displays a “snapshot” of the Eligibility criteria at point of registration for the exited Job Seeker in that specific enrollment date.

The screenshot shows the 'Snapshot' screen in the MOSES application. The window title is 'Ulbrich,' and it features a menu bar with options like 'Basic', 'Full', 'Education', 'Work Experience', 'Events', 'Alerts', 'Closed Case Plans/ISS', 'Services', 'Special Programs', and 'Survey'. Below the menu bar, there are tabs for 'CAP', 'BEST I', 'SMARTT', 'Section 30', 'VRAP', and 'Snapshot'. The 'Snapshot' tab is selected, displaying a form with the following sections:

- General Information:** Exit Date: 09/03/2014 (dropdown menu), Start Date: 07/14/2014, Citizenship: U S Citizen, Sel Svc Compliance: Yes, Disability: No.
- Assista:** 05/15/2013. Fields include TAFDC, Refugee Assistance, EAEDC, SNAP (checked), SSI, and SSDI.
- Education:** In School: Yes, Highest Degree: Some College, Highest Grade Completed: 13.
- Barrier:** Fields include Homeless Individual and/or Runaway Youth, Below Grade Level, Pregnant/Parenting Issues, Offender, Disability, Limited English Proficiency, Displaced Homemaker, Foster Child, and Youth Requiring Additional Assistance.
- Military:** Veteran Status: Veteran, TSM, Veteran Homeless: No, Veteran Offender: Not Disclosed, Disability Percentage, DD214 (checked), Release Date: 07/21/1981.
- Low Income:** Family Size: 3, Income: \$11,440.00, Economically Disadvantaged: No.
- Employment Status:** Employed: Yes, UI Status: Claimant-Not Profiled, Labor Force Status: Yes, Full or Part Time, Notified of Layoff/Military Separation, Date of Qualifying Dislocation: 09/30/2009, Long Term Unemployed (27+ weeks).

At the bottom of the form, there are buttons for 'Trade', 'Eligibility', 'Match Criteria', 'Run Match', 'Eligibility Criteria', 'OK', and 'Cancel'.

(Note: Exit Date is a drop menu  showing all program exits by calendar date. (for example: 01/10/2004; 07/07/2006; et cetera.)

2. **Updated MOSES Related to Veteran Offenders:** TEGL 19-13, Dated Feb 11, 2015

“An offender, as defined by WIOA Section 3 (38)1, who is currently incarcerated or who has been released from incarceration, i.e. the expanded definition of SBE includes any eligible veteran or eligible spouse who is currently or was formerly incarcerated by removing the within the last 12 months requirement;”

The text on the Job Seeker – Full - Military Information tab has been changed to:
From ‘Recently Released Offender (within last 12 months)’ to ‘Offender who has ever been incarcerated’.

3. **For WIOA we will need to track an additional public assistance category of "Free or Reduced Price Lunch"** (On the Job Seeker – Full - Assistance tab.)

This item also appears on the Job Seeker - Eligibility Criteria - Family/Public assistance tab (as read only).

This item will not impact Youth eligibility until July 1, 2015, the start of WIOA eligibility for Youth.

New Additional Assistance Category – Free / Reduced Price Lunch

The screenshot shows a web-based application interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the text "practice, perfect" on the left, "SSN: 999-16-4890 ID: 11166593" in the center, and several icons (JQ, a red circle with a slash, a blue circle with a slash, and an 'F') on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs: "Basic", "Full", "Education", "Work Experience", "Events", "Alerts", "Case Plan/Youth ISS", "Services", "Special Programs", and "Survey". The "Assistance" tab is currently selected. Underneath, there are sub-tabs: "General Information", "Military Information", "Barriers", and "Assistance". The "Assistance" sub-tab is active, displaying a form titled "Assistance Categories". This form contains several checkboxes and radio buttons. A red arrow points to the checkbox labeled "Free/Reduced Price Lunch". Other visible options include "TAFDC", "EAEDC", "SSI", "Refugee Assistance", "SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)", "SSDI", "Previous SSDI Recipient", "Ticket to Work", and "Long Term TAFDC" with "Yes" and "No" radio buttons.