

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

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

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: January 12, 2016

Subject: Lower Living Standards Income Level 2015 Correction

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a correction to the 2015 Lower Living Standards Income Level (LLSIL) announced through Training and Employment Guidance Letter ([TEGL No. 10-15](#)), released December 22, 2015.

Background: The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issues an annual lower level standard income level (LLSIL) which is used for determining income eligibility in WIOA Title I programs including the Youth Program and Indian and Native American Program. The term “low-income individual” is defined in WIOA Section (3)(36) and includes six different components. One of the components is an individual who is in a family with total family income that does not exceed the higher of –

- (I) The poverty line; or
- (II) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level.

ETA issued the initial LLSIL information via Federal Register Notice on March 27, 2015. Subsequently, ETA issued a correction to the annual LLSIL on July 16, 2015, also via the Federal Register. The corrections changed the income threshold used for eligibility for certain areas. These corrections applied to values for three regions within Tables 1, 4, and 5 of the LLSIL listings.

Policy: All program participants who were determined eligible for services under the LLSIL levels published in the March 27, 2015 Federal Register should remain eligible for WIOA Title I services, even if they would not qualify under the corrected LLSIL levels. All program participants whose eligibility is determined subsequent to this notification should be evaluated based on LLSIL levels provided in the July 16, 2015 Federal Register Notice, and currently posted on the ETA website at <https://www.doleta.gov/llsil/2015/>. Any eligibility determinations made using the corrected LLSIL levels on July 16, 2015 or thereafter are and remain valid.

Action Required: Please disseminate to all appropriate staff.

Effective: Immediately

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