

ETPL Continuing Eligibility Temporary Contingency for FY27 Workforce Board Approval

This temporary guidance is provided in reference to MassWorkforce policy 100.DCS 14.106.1, specifically, 14.106.1 Attachment B (Continuing Eligibility).

EOLWD/MDCS is currently experiencing a delay in obtaining wage data necessary to inform Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) **Continuing Eligibility** approval decisions.

The MassHire Department of Career Services is providing a temporary approval process on a contingency basis **only for** Continuing Eligibility course approval and subsequent inclusion on the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL).

To ensure continuity of training services, the MassHire Department of Career Services is providing a temporary contingency-based approval process for Continuing Eligibility course approval and continued inclusion on the ETPL.

Workforce Boards may use the MOSES staff view to approve Continuing Eligibility through June 30, 2027, only for training courses that meet all of the following criteria:

- ✓ The training provider's approval currently extends through June 30, 2027;
- ✓ The course was offered during the previous program year; and
- ✓ **The course is needed to accommodate participants with scheduled course start dates in July or August 2026.**

This temporary process is intended to support participants entering training programs before updated performance data becomes available. **Boards must limit approvals under this temporary process to only those courses necessary to meet July and August 2026 training needs.**

When approving a course, MassHire Workforce Boards must rely on their knowledge and experience with the training provider and **include objective data in their justification** explaining why the course should continue to be approved. Supporting data may include, but is not limited to participant outcomes, completion rates, credential attainment, employment outcomes, employer demand, monitoring results, customer feedback, or other documented evidence of program quality and effectiveness.

After approving a course, please submit the following information to policyQA@mass.gov:

- Course ID
- Course Name
- Justification **including the supporting data used to make the approval decision**
- **The email subject line for this submission should be "ETPL Course Approval Supplemental Information."**

Attachment D

Important: This temporary approval process is intended only to bridge the period before updated performance information becomes available. MDCS will provide the **Continuing Eligibility data report** as soon as it is available. Once the report is issued, this temporary measure will be lifted, and the formal Continuing Eligibility process outlined in this policy will resume.

Boards should retain all documentation supporting their approval decisions, as these determinations may be reviewed during state monitoring and oversight activities.