

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 15-10**

Policy  Information

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

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** February 3, 2015

**Subject:** **2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines Released**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the annual update of the federal poverty guidelines for use in determining economically disadvantaged/low income status for eligibility under the Workforce Investment Act and other programs.

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published the 2015 Federal poverty guidelines in the [Federal Register on January 22, 2015](#). These guidelines may be used as of that date.

Pending the publication of the ETA Lower Living Standard Income Levels for 2015 (March 2015), the higher of either the 2015 Poverty Income Guidelines or 70% of the 2014 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) shall be used for eligibility determination for WIA Title I and other programs using economically disadvantaged/low income status criteria. Until the MassWorkforce policy is updated for 2015, please reference Policy No. 14-23 for LLSIL for current U.S. Department of Labor data for your region.

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