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Policy Information

To: MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Beth Goguen, Director
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Date: March 20, 2026

Subject: **Key Sub-Regulatory Guidance for the National Apprenticeship System – WorkforceGPS Webinar**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar:

Key Sub-Regulatory Guidance for the National Apprenticeship System,
March 27th, from 1:00 – 2:00

Background: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) published four key pieces of sub-regulatory guidance. These guidance documents will provide clarity on critical provisions of Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 29 and highlight system flexibilities that serve to reduce burden for stakeholders and enhance Registered Apprenticeship programs while maintaining quality.

This guidance includes:

- **Circular 2026-01:** Provides updated guidelines for Registered Apprenticeship program design under the three approaches to completing an apprenticeship program.

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- **Circular 2026-02:** Outlines the roles and functions of State Apprenticeship Agencies and State Apprenticeship Councils.
- **Circular 2026-03:** Clarifies how apprenticeship program completion rates are determined and used to improve program quality and announces a Registered Apprenticeship performance data portal.
- **Bulletin 2026-35:** Solidifies the Office of Apprenticeship’s commitment to making apprenticeship program registration determinations within 30 days and announces launch of online resource that will promote transparency on registration performance and ensure ETA meets its 30-day program determination commitment.

Who should attend:

Registered Apprenticeship Sponsors and other stakeholders across the National Apprenticeship System, including employers, industry representatives, labor organizations, community-based organizations, workforce partners, educational institutions, State Apprenticeship Agencies, federal, state, and local government agencies, and other partners involved in apprenticeship programs and workforce development.

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Action

Required: Please share with all managers, staff and partners as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately.