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Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to the WIOA Priority of Service for Jobseeker Customers.

1. **Basic Skills Deficient** - a youth or adult that has English, writing or computer skills at or below 8.9 grade level or an English language learner. Income eligibility does NOT apply to individuals who have been determined to be basic skills deficient.
2. **Eligible Spouse** - an individual whose spouse meets any of the following criteria:
 - a. Any Veteran who died of a service – connected disability;
 - b. Any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for the priority, is listed in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days:
 - Missing in action;
 - Captured in the line of duty by a hostile force; or
 - Forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power;
 - c. Any Veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service-connected disability, as evaluated by the Department of Veterans Affairs; or
 - d. Any Veteran who died while a disability was in existence.
3. **High Poverty Area** - a set of contiguous census tracts that has a poverty rate of at least 25 percent as set every 5 years using American Community Survey 5-Year data.
4. **Individual with Barriers to Employment** – include the following:
 - a. Displaced homemakers
 - b. Low-income individuals
 - c. Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians
 - d. Individuals with disabilities including youth who have a disability
 - e. Older individuals
 - f. Ex-offenders
 - g. Homeless individuals
 - h. Youth who have aged out of foster care
 - i. English language learners including individuals with low levels of literacy, and individuals facing substantial cultural barriers
 - j. Eligible migrant seasonal farm workers
 - k. Individuals within 2 years of exhausting lifetime eligibility under of the Social Security Act
 - l. Single parents
 - m. Long-term unemployed
 - n. Other groups as defined by the Governor
5. **Low Income** - means an individual who:
 - a. Recipient of public assistance

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- b. Individual in a family with total family income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line; or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level
 - c. Homeless
 - d. Foster youth
 - e. Receives or is eligible to receive a free or reduced price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
 - f. Individual with a disability whose own income does not exceed the higher of the poverty line; or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level
- 6. Recipients of public assistance** – include individuals who receive, or in the past 6 month have received, or are a member of a family that is receiving or in the past 6 months has received, assistance through one or more of the following:
- a. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
 - c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program
 - d. State or local income-based public assistance