

ATTACHMENT C

PRIORITY FOR SERVICES

ADULT PRIORITY

(WIOA Sec. 134(c) (3) (E)) —Priority for individualized career services (ref. § 678.430(b)) and training services funded with Title I adult funds must be given to:

- Recipients of public assistance,
- Other low income individuals*, or
- individuals who are basic skills deficient defined by Massachusetts as youth or adults that have English, writing, or computation skills at or below 8.9 grade level or are English Language Learners or an individual that meet the following criterion:
 - Lack a high school diploma or high school equivalent and is not enrolled in secondary education
 - Enrolled in a Title II Adult Education/Literacy program
 - Lack basic computer literacy or basic financial literacy skills

VETERANS PRIORITY OF SERVICE

Veterans under WIOA sec. 3(63)(A) and 38 U.S.C. 101 receive priority of service in all Department of Labor-funded training programs under 38 U.S.C. 4215 and described in 20 CFR 1010. A Veteran must still meet each program's eligibility criteria to receive services under the respective employment and training program. (Proposed rules 680.650-660)

MassHire Workforce Boards must establish criteria by which the one-stop operator will apply the priority under WIOA sec. 134(c)(3)(E). Such criteria may include the availability of other funds for providing employment and training-related services in the local area, the needs of the specific groups within the local area, and other appropriate factors. (§680.600(b)).

The priority established under §680.600(b) does not necessarily mean that these services may only be provided to recipients of public assistance, other low income individuals, and individuals who have been determined to be basic skills deficient. The Local Board and the Governor may establish a process that also gives priority to other individuals eligible to receive such services, provided that it is consistent with priority of service for Veterans. (§680.600(c))

Please refer to Policy 100 DCS 08.116 for more information on Priority of Service for Jobseeker Customers.

*The definition for low-income individuals is located in Attachment D: Definitions