

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 14-75

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To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
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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: September 2, 2014

Subject: Notice of Closure: Everest Institute in Massachusetts

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners that the Everest Institute in Massachusetts will begin to wind down operations in accordance with an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE). The two Everest locations affected are:

1. Everest Institute Brighton, located at 1505 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, MA
2. Everest Institute Chelsea, located at 70 Everett Avenue #22, Chelsea, MA

Background: The Division of Professional Licensure (DPL), an agency within the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation oversees 31 boards of registration, which license and regulate more than 370,000 individuals and businesses to practice some 50 trades and professions in Massachusetts. Effective August 1, 2012, DPL also licenses and regulates private occupational schools.

As a result, both Everest locations stopped enrolling new students and the school will close. Current students attending the Brighton location who will not complete their program by October 31, 2014 have been notified by Everest that they will continue their program at Everest in Chelsea.

As for the Chelsea location, students who enrolled on or after June 23, 2014 have two options. Students can participate in a teach-out at the Chelsea location or a comparable school that offers a comparable program with no additional cost, which will be determined at a later date. Other students may withdraw and receive full refund of all tuition and other fees paid for the program. However, students who do not choose one of the options will be automatically withdrawn from Everest-Chelsea with a full refund.

For students who enrolled before June 23, 2014, Everest – Chelsea will choose one of the following options for them:

- i. Complete the program at Everest – Chelsea including career planning and placement services for at least 60 days after completion of the program.
- ii. Receive assistance transferring to a comparable program at a comparable school at no addition cost above the amount owed to Everest - Chelsea with job placement services and post-graduation services provided by the receiving institute.
- iii. Withdraw from the school and receive a full refund or all tuition and other fees paid to the school for the program. Refund will paid directly to the student if the program was paid by the student or a private loan. If the program was paid by a federal loan, the school will pay the refund to the government to reduce the student's loan obligation.

Students who disagree with the decision will be given an opportunity to appeal the decision with the school.

Department of Career Services (DCS) has reviewed MOSES enrollments and there are no students enrolled in any programs funded through DCS.

For more information regarding the details of the closures and teach-outs, please visit www.mass.gov/dpl/schools .

Inquiries: Please email any questions regarding this notification to the MOSES Help Desk at MOSES@detma.org.