

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 14-48**

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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:** June 10, 2014

**Subject:** **Training for Training Opportunity Program (Section 30)**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the upcoming **Massachusetts Training Opportunities Program (TOP)** (also known as “*Section 30*” or “*RED*” benefits) training.

**Background:** Section 30(c) of Chapter 151A allows claimants to receive UI benefits while they are in approved training to obtain employment. Claimants in DUA-approved training need not meet availability requirements pursuant to §24(b) of the Law, are exempt from work search activities while attending approved training, and may refuse offers of suitable employment. Claimants may be eligible to receive an “extension” of their UI benefit entitlement of up to 26 additional weeks (i.e., an additional entitlement not to exceed 26 times their UI weekly benefit amount), if they applied for training no later than the 15th compensable week of the claim.

**NOTE:** This training is essential for all career center managers and staff who provide services to claimants.

## SCHEDULE:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, July 10, 2014	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Central MA Workforce Investment Board 44 Front Street – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 300 Worcester, MA 01608
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	ValleyWorks Career Center Heritage Place, Building #2 439 South Union St. – Merrimack Room Lawrence, MA 01843
Monday, July 21, 2014	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Boston Hurley Building 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor - Gazda Room 19 Staniford St Boston, MA 02114  <b>** Please be sure to bring picture ID</b>
Tuesday, July 22, 2014	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	CareerWorks 34 School Street Brockton, MA 02301
Friday, August 8, 2014	9:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Employment and Training Resources 167 Worcester Road – Workshop Room 2 Framingham, MA 01701
Friday, August 15, 2014	9:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Franklin/Hampshire Career Center 178 Industrial Drive – Suite 1 Northampton, MA 01060

**Registration Information:** Send registration information to Monet Johnson  
[mjohnson@detma.org](mailto:mjohnson@detma.org) (617-626-5339); please include **all** of the following:

**Name:**

**Office Location:**

**Email Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Training Date:**

Seating for each session is limited. **Lunch will not be provided.**

### Action

**Required:** Please disseminate this information and follow up to ensure that all appropriate staff registers for a training session.

**Inquiries:** Direct all inquiries to Beth Goguen [Bgoguen@detma.org](mailto:Bgoguen@detma.org).