



WIOA Eligible Training Providers and Programs

Employ Milwaukee Information Sessions

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Today We'll Cover...

- Background on Wisconsin's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL), including federal requirements
- Current application process for a training program's Initial Eligibility to the ETPL
 - What Employ Milwaukee considers when reviewing applications
 - How the state processes locally approved applications
- Changes coming to Wisconsin's ETPL

When possible, we have incorporated state-written presentation slides, to ensure you hear details as the state conveys them.

We will not discuss specific training program applications to the ETPL.



Commonly Used Acronyms

WIOA = The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

WDB = Workforce Development Board

DWD = Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

ETP = Eligible Training Provider

ETPL = Eligible Training Provider List

ITA = Individual Training Account

Training under WIOA



Our Goal

Provide our WIOA Title I participants with the occupational training **they need** to retain and maintain **quality** employment, putting them on a path that leads to economic self-sufficiency.



State's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)



What is the State's ETPL?

A list of training providers' programs that WIOA Title I-B can fund.

How does it work?

Participants work with their career planner to determine if training should be part of their employment plan to address identified skill deficiencies and, if so, the right training program for their employment goal.

Training can be work-based or classroom-based, or a combination of the two.

Certain types of training, like OJTs, don't have to be on the ETPL.



Background



What's a training program?

One or more courses/classes or a structured regime. Can be delivered in-person, online, or using a blended approach.

Completion of program

Must lead to one or a combination of:

- a recognized postsecondary credential
- a high school diploma or equivalent
- employment
- measurable skills gain

Background



Eligible providers can be

- Post-secondary education institutions
- Registered Apprenticeships (automatic eligibility)
- Providers of adult education and literacy activities under WIOA Title II
- Other public or private entities

To be on the list, a training provider **MUST**

- provide information about the training program
- provide student data for **each program** for the most recent program year and the 3 preceding program years
 - Completion and credential rates
 - Employment rates (2nd and 4th quarter after training program exit)
 - Earnings
- meet information requirements and any performance standards



Performance Impacts

Employ Milwaukee must meet outcome goals for performance measures to continue receiving WIOA funding - and prevent performance sanctions.

Every WIOA participant who receives training through a program on the ETPL becomes part of the following performance measures:

- Credential Attainment Rate
- Measurable Skills Gain Rate
- Employment Q2 after Program Exit
- Employment Q4 after Program Exit
- Median Earnings after Program Exit

Employ Milwaukee **MUST** consider how a training program will prepare a WIOA participant to succeed in these measures when reviewing applications to the ETPL.



Local Application Process

Employ Milwaukee must comply with federal law, WIOA, and state policy, WIOA State Plan, when reviewing applications to the ETPL.

The local process is available on Employ Milwaukee's website under Partners: <https://www.employmilwaukee.org/Employ-Milwaukee/Partners/Service-Providers.htm>.

- The [process map](#) details components of application review.
- Potential applicants are instructed to email ETPL@EmployMilwaukee.org to request local applications.

Significant changes planned for 2018

The State's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) will oversee the eligibility process for training providers and their programs.

What this means:

- Training providers will use an online portal to apply for provider eligibility.
- DWD will review provider applications and approve or deny eligibility.
- Providers will need to reapply for eligibility on an annual basis.
- Eligible providers will be able to add one or more training programs to the list so long as they timely submit all required information about the program(s).
- Program information will also be submitted through the online portal.

Provider Eligibility

The goal is to select criteria that will promote quality educational options for WIOA training participants.

Providers will need to meet one of the following:

- Accreditation by a recognized U.S. accrediting organization
- Approval from the Wisconsin Educational Approval Program (EAP)
- A participant of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)
- Regulated and approved to provide training by a State agency
- A registered apprenticeship (RA) program
- A pre-apprenticeship program that can demonstrate connection to at least one RA program
- Approved by ETP review committee

Note: Criteria has not yet been finalized and this list is not necessarily exhaustive.

Program Eligibility

Providers will need to timely submit all required program information.

Some of the required information will include:

- Program description
- Credential information
- Program location
- Program costs
- Date program was established
- Number of credits
- Required pre-requisites
- Individual student information for **ALL** students who participated in the program (DWD will use this to determine employment outcomes using unemployment insurance wage records)

Future State of ETPL



ETPL Webpages

DWD will be updating and redesigning the ETPL webpages to make them more user-friendly.

Aggregated performance information for each program will be published online. Metrics will include:

- Program completion and credential attainment rates
- Percentage of students in unsubsidized employment during the second and fourth quarters after exiting the training program
- Students' median earnings from unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exiting the training program



Summary

- Credentials for completing students are a critical piece of a training program.
- Checks and balances are a keystone of Employ Milwaukee's local application process.
- The current process remains in place until state changes are finalized through policy. Anticipated effective date of state changes is July 1, 2018.

Questions?