



DWD Issuance 09-2008

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Subject: Priority of Service to Veterans

1. Purpose: To implement new procedures regarding the priority of service for veteran customers of Missouri Career Centers.
2. Background: The Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA) of 2002 created a priority of service requirement for all qualified DOL job-training programs. “Qualified job training programs” are defined by the law as “any workforce preparation, development or delivery program or service that is directly funded, in whole or in part, by the Department.” While the regulations and data collection is new, priority of service has been a requirement since 2002. The rule becomes effective January 19, 2009.
3. Substance: This Issuance provides initial guidance regarding Priority of Service. More information will be forthcoming from the U.S. Department of Labor and updates will be provided accordingly. The attachment is a statement of current federal guidance that serves as an implementation plan for applying veterans priority in Career Center operations and service delivery.
4. Action: Effective January 19, 2009, all Missouri Career Center staff and other program operators must begin to plan actions to ensure full compliance with the guidance provided.
5. Contact: Direct questions or comments regarding this issuance to Rodney Henry, DWD Veterans Service Coordinator, at 573.526.9762 or rodney.henry@ded.mo.gov.
6. Reference: The Jobs for Veterans Act of 2002; Title 38 U.S.C. 101(2)§ 1010.110
7. Rescissions: None
8. Attachments: Veterans Priority of Service Plan

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