

Dislocated Worker and Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, October 23, 2024

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Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP)

Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP) Releases Update to State Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy for Public Comments *(Emailed 10/9/24)*

The draft State Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy is now posted for public comments/feedback at this link: [DEED Policies \(state.mn.us\)](#). Updates incorporate the 2024 legislative changes to the State Dislocated Worker Program.

Feedback will be accepted through Friday, November 8, 2024; please share the link with your Dislocated Worker (DW) partners and networks.

The public comment period provides an opportunity to hear from our stakeholders on recommendations and ideas to improve the policy. Please note that all feedback will be closely reviewed and used to ensure the policy is current and aligns with federal and state requirements. We encourage you to share the draft policy with your staff and stakeholders. Additionally, questions received will be included in an upcoming FAQ.

Feedback can be submitted by clicking "Send a comment" found at the bottom of the draft policy or sending your comments/questions directly to DWFAPprograms.DEED@state.mn.us.

State Dislocated Worker Program Expansion Workforce One Updates:

- Workforce One changes and updates to allow enrollment of new populations will be available in November (with the State DW Eligibility policy finalized).
- Training for program operators to be determined.

IMPORTANT: Even if available in Workforce One, DO NOT enroll people under the 3 new populations (Low Income/Basic Skills Deficit, Ill/injury, Military Spouse)

- If you have already enrolled participants under the new criteria, do the following:
 1. Delete the DW program sequences that used the basis for eligibility.
 2. Reopen these participants' in WIOA Adult program enrollments.
 - a. If you do not have the necessary system privileges to perform these actions, please submit a request to the WF1 help desk for assistance.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSP):

- The next MJSP Board meeting will be held on **Monday, October 28, 2024**.
- All MJSP board meetings are open to the public at DEED headquarters. Some meetings are also held online via MS Teams. Additional information on the time, meeting format, and location will be posted as available. Get more information at: <https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/training-grant/mjsp/>

Grants Status Meetings with WDAs:

- As of August 2024, the grants team rolled out new provider specific meetings geared towards providing opportunities for listening, discussion and collaboration. These meetings aim to proactively address issues, provide additional support, and enhance grant success. By the end of October, the grants team will have met

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with 12 out of the 16 Workforce Development Areas, reviewing PY23 grants for State DW, WIOA Adult and WIOA DW. The following areas are being reviewed:

- Financials – actual (RPRs/FSRs) vs. quarterly plan (PSP budget table)
- PSP Participant, Activity Plan and Budget
- WF1 Grants Information Summary Report

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

- The Department of Labor will be conducting on-site monitoring visit for Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), from November 18th to 22nd 2024. Two Sub-grantees “Anoka County Job Training Center and Minnesota Valley Action Council” were selected for site reviews.
- PY2023 participant and host agency surveys are scheduled to be sent within the last two weeks of October 2024. The key to getting a good responses rate is to continue alerting participants and host agencies ahead of time. DEED's updated survey materials have already been sent to the Survey team.

MN RETAIN:

- MN RETAIN’s Sustainability Pilot has 57 of 200 planned enrollments (28.5%) and is on track to meet enrollments by the May 2025 enrollment deadline.
- The League of Minnesota Cities became an official Employer Champion for MN RETAIN. The League serves more than 800 member cities through advocacy, education and training, policy development, risk management, and other services.
- Quarterly Community Advisory Board meeting scheduled for 10/25. MN RETAIN will update the Board on recent developments (DIF Grant, community engagement efforts) and hear more about community efforts related to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
- RETAIN Dissemination:
 - Foundation Manuscript to be published in WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment & Rehabilitation.
 - Article title: *“MN RETAIN: An early intervention model to support stay at work and return to work for injured and ill employees.”*
 - Work has begun on MN RETAIN manuscript 2. It will include updated demographic data for RETAIN participants, a preliminary wage detail analysis, and cover methodological changes i.e. higher reimbursement for providers completing the stakeholder survey.

Reminders

- **Monthly Financial Status Report (FSR) / Monthly Reimbursement Payment Request (RPR):**
 - Due 20 days after month end. For example, the June RPR (June 30 end date) is due July 20.
 - Report accrued monthly expenditures.
 - A monthly RPR/FSR is required even if no funds were expended.
- **Quarterly Progress Report (QPR)**
 - Reports are due 30 days after the end of the quarter. Reports for quarter ending September 2023, are due on October 30. Please report on all active grants

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Table 1: Employment & Training Programs (ETP) Adult Programs Policy Status List

Programs Policy Status List as of 10/15/24				
	Policy Name	Office Unit	Policy Status	Notes
1.	Work-based Learning Policy	Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)	Public Comment	Draft posted for public comment through 10/19.
2.	Registration and Resume on MinnesotaWorks.net Policy	TAA	Public Comment	Draft posted for public comment through 10/19.
3.	TAA Co-enrollment Policy	TAA	Public Comment	Draft posted for public comment through 10/19.
4.	State Dislocated Worker (DW) Eligibility Policy	Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP)	Public Comment	Draft posted for public comment through 11/8.
<u>Supporting Documents (2):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DWFAP Terms and Definitions draft attachment.• Dislocated Worker Acceptable Documentation List draft attachment.				

Use Dislocated Worker General Email to Reach All Team Members

Please continue to email requests, reports, technical assistance questions, etc. to the Dislocated Worker Federal Adult Programs general email at DWFAPPrograms.DEED@state.mn.us.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA):

Please email all questions and customer applications to the Trade Adjustment Assistance general email at deed.taa@state.mn.us

Updated Policies

Trade Adjustment Assistance has been updating [policies](#). Please reference the most current policy in your work and conversations with customers.

Virtual Informational Sessions on November 19

Minnesota TAA is **hosting a virtual informational session on November 19** for people who may be eligible to apply for TAA benefits under older petitions. As always, TAA will refer attendees to enroll in the Dislocated Worker (DW) program to access their TAA benefits. Thank you in advance for your work to serve these shared customers, some of whom may have been laid off under a TAA petition years ago. Links to the sessions are at <https://www.careerforcemn.com/TAA>

TAA Program Status and Funding

The **TAA program has funding and continues to serve customers**. Congress has not reauthorized the program but could reauthorize it at any time. For customers who are eligible under older petitions and seeking training, **TAA must be the primary source of funding**. Contact TAA with outreach suggestions or to ask about an individual's eligibility, and use the [resources](#) available for Counselors and Services Providers.

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TEGL 07-23 - *Ongoing Operations of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers Program During Phase-Out Termination* is available at [TEGL 07-23 | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#).

Petitions

Petitions can still be filed, but Department of Labor's investigation is paused until program restoration or reauthorization. To see the list of petitions in Minnesota filed after July 1, 2022, visit the [Certified and Pending TAA Petitions](#) on the CareerForce site.

Performance Updates:

Program Year 2024 and 2025 Local Area Negotiations

We appreciate your partnership during the [PY24](#) and [PY25](#) local area negotiations!!
Confirmation letters were emailed to local area leadership teams on October 11, 2024.

Request for TA Event Topics and assistance:

Should you have performance or data entry questions, please contact our general email performanceap.deed@state.mn.us