



VETERANS PRIORITY OF SERVICE POLICY

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Under the Grant Terms and Conditions of Public Policy of the grant, the agreement states grantees are to provide priority of service to veterans, and spouses of certain veterans, for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services in any job training program directly funded, in whole or in part, by the DOL, consistent with the Jobs for Veterans Act.

As stated in TEGL 10-09, issued November 10, 2009, "Priority of service means that veterans and eligible spouses are given priority over non-covered persons for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided under a qualified job training program. Priority means that veterans and eligible spouses are entitled to precedence over non-covered persons for services. This means that a veteran or an eligible spouse either received access to a services earlier in time than a non-covered person or, if the resource is limited, the veteran or eligible spouse receives access to the service instead of or before the non-covered person.

It is important to note that state and local program operators do not have the discretion to establish further priorities within the overall priority established by the regulations. The Jobs for Veterans Act reserves that authority to the Secretary of Labor and it was not exercised in the current regulations.

For a service such as classroom training, priority of service applies to the selection procedure, as follows. First, if there is a waiting list for the formation of a training class, priority of service is intended to require a veteran or eligible spouse to go to the top of that list. Second, priority of service applies up to the point at which an individual is both: a) approved for funding; and, b) accepted or enrolled in a training class. Therefore, once a non-covered person has been both approved for funding and accepted/enrolled in a training class, priority of service is not intended to allow a veteran or eligible spouse who is identified subsequently to "bump" the non-covered person from that training class. Section 10 of this policy guidance provides additional detail regarding the ways that priority of service applies in the context of other statutory and discretionary priorities."

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