

Continued Eligibility Certification Process

General Overview:

Section 122 of WIOA requires that training providers submit verifiable program specific information on the outcomes of WIOA program participants who have attended the training program when applying for continued eligibility. Section 122 also stipulates that some of the information submitted must meet minimum levels set by the State. Local Workforce Development Boards have the option of setting performance levels higher than the minimum levels established by the State.

Projected Employment Opportunities:

All training must be directly linked to employment opportunities either in the local area or in an area to which the individual is willing to relocate. If a local area does not have a particular occupation on its projected employment opportunities list, they may send a participant to, or a customer may choose, a training provider/program not approved by their LWDB if that participant agrees in writing that s/he would be willing to relocate or commute to become employed in that occupation.

An occupation is considered an employment opportunity for a local area if it appears on the *Projected Employment Opportunities List* for the State or local area. Occupations on an adjacent local area's list, including local areas in other states, may also be considered employment opportunities in the local area. If a local area would like to train in an occupation that is not on their local area's projected employment opportunities list, but is on the list of an adjacent area, they should contact the Labor Market Information section of the Department of Workforce Services to have the occupation added within the Arkansas Consumer Report System web site. For local areas in other states, the LWDB must provide the adjacent area's projected employment opportunities list, along with the adjacent state's contact information and occupations to be trained in before the occupations can be added to the Arkansas Consumer Report System.

Required Information for Continued Eligibility:

The information to be included on the continued application is described below.

1. The percentage of program participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program
2. The percentage of program participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after exit from the program

3. The median earnings of program participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program
4. The percentage of program participants who obtain a recognized postsecondary credential or a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, during participation in or within 1 year after exit from the program
5. Information on cost of attendance, including cost of tuition and fees, for program participants
6. Information on the program completion rate for such participants

The Continued Eligibility Certification Process:

1. Providers eligible to apply under this section will complete an online electronic application for “continued certification” through the automated Arkansas Consumer Report System (ACRS) located at <https://www.workforce.arkansas.gov/acrs/>. Providers must apply for each individual program. If multiple training locations exist, an application must be made for **each location**. Providers may make application to any or all Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) at the same time.
2. The LWDBs will receive the application via Internet file if (1) The program’s CIP Code appears on the current *Projected Employment Opportunities List* for the State or Local Workforce Development Area, and (2) Required items are complete and meet minimum qualifications.
3. The LWDB will electronically approve or disapprove each application received via the Internet. The LWDB is responsible for ensuring that the provider’s performance information meets or exceeds the State minimum levels.
4. Upon approval by the LWDB, the provider will be automatically placed on the ACRS website as a WIOA Eligible Training Provider for the applicable program.

State Minimum Performance Standards for Training Providers

<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>State Minimum Level</i>
PERFORMANCE MEASURES Programs must meet the State minimum levels for the performance measure.	
Percentage of WIOA participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program.	61%
Percentage of WIOA participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after exit from the program.	63%
Median earnings of WIOA participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program.	\$5,000/qtr.
INFORMATIONAL MEASURES Programs must only report these performance measures.	
Percentage of WIOA participants who obtain a recognized postsecondary credential or a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, during participation or within 1 year after exit from the program.	%
Cost of attendance, including cost of tuition and fees, for WIOA participants.	\$
Program completion rate for WIOA participants.	%