Eligible Training Provider

**WEBSITES**

State Information Site:

<https://www.tn.gov/workforce/article/eligible-training-providers>

Application Site:

<https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/labor/attachments/Applying_to_Become_a_Provider.pdf>

Provider Help Guide:

<https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/labor/attachments/Provider_Help_Guide_ETPL.pdf>

Tennessee Eligible Training Provider List:

https://www.jobs4tn.gov/vosnet/MenuLandingPage.aspx?enc=Kt8ubp6xpBXFjGGwpUEHTA7kk4DIxSH/c8amoqL6Prw=

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<https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=5816>

The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) provides Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) the opportunity to expand training and educational opportunities.  The goal is to help low-income individuals, dislocated workers, youth, and individuals with limited skills and barriers to employment earn industry-recognized credentials and advance in the workplace.

**LWDBs can offer more training specifically targeted for high-demand occupations or industry sectors in addition to Individual Training Accounts (ITAs).  Local WDBs use WIOA funds to provide new training models that will lead to:**

* Industry-Recognized Credentials
* Apprenticeships / Internships / Pre-Apprenticeships
* Integrated Educational / Training Approaches
* Career Pathways
* Industry Partnerships
* Cohort-Based Training
* Work Based Learning
  + Work Experience
  + On-the-Job Training (OJT)
  + Transitional Jobs

LWDBs can now use a portion of their local Title I funds for pay-for-performance contracts for specific targeted populations.  Local WDBs will be required to evaluate how each targeted population was selected, along with outcomes of training.

**Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Requirements**

WIOA has established an Eligible Training Provider process that will help support and ensure customer choice, performance accountability, and continuous improvement.  The State and LWDBs will identify Eligible Training Providers qualified to receive WIOA funds to train adults, dislocated workers and youth.

**An Eligible Training Provider is one who has met the eligibility requirements to receive WIOA Title I funds to provide training services to eligible individuals.  To receive WIOA funds, the training provider must meet numerous ETPL requirements and must be:**

1. Institution of higher education that provides training leading to post-secondary credentials
2. Apprenticeship program registered by the USDOL Office of Registered Apprenticeship
3. Public or private training provider, including joint labor-management organizations, pre-apprenticeship programs, and occupational / technical training providers
4. Provider of Adult Education and Literacy activities

All training providers will be required to meet performance outcomes and ensure accountability, quality, and labor market-relevant programs and offerings.

**Training providers (both existing and new) will be required to submit an online application that includes all the documentation required by the State and LWDBs such as:**

* Information supporting a claim that an applicable training program leads to a post-secondary or industry-recognized credential, and a detailed description of the credential
* Evidence of ability to provide services to incumbent workers and individuals with barriers to employment
* Evidence of State licensure requirements and licensing status
* Program completion rate for all individuals participating in applicable programs
* Employment and earnings outcomes
* Cost of training (including supplies, books, fees, etc.)
* Post-secondary credentials offered
* Program costs per student by type of training
* Pre-Apprenticeship Program offerings

**Training providers on the ETPL will also be required to report performance outcomes.  Each year they will be required to submit, at a minimum, the following:**

* Total number of participants enrolled in the program
* Total number of participants completing the program
* Entry into unsubsidized employment at second quarter after exit
* Entry into unsubsidized employment at fourth quarter after exit
* Median earnings
* Attainment of post-secondary credentials
* Measurable Skills Gains
* Effectiveness in serving employers

All LWDBs are required to have training providers on the approved ETPL that are offering training programs aligned with their State’s and Region’s in-demand occupations and sectors. They will be required to ensure training providers make all the above information available to their American Job Centers so eligible clients can make informed decisions on training offerings. They will be required to report performance and outcomes on training offerings while ensuring individuals with barriers to employment are served.