

WIAB 06-08

DATE: April 9, 2009
TO: All WIA Subrecipients
FROM: Dwight A. Johnson, Administrator, Employment and Training
SUBJECT: 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The purpose of this WIAB is to provide information to the workforce investment system regarding U.S. Department of Labor's (USDOL) support of the U.S. Department of Education's rollout of the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The 2009-2010 FAFSA has been revised to include dislocated worker status as one of the considerations for financial aid eligibility. The U.S. Department of Education will be issuing WIA dislocated worker definitions and documentation guidance to the financial aid administrators to help clarify concepts related to dislocated worker status in its 2009-2010 application, since questions have been added to determine if an individual or an individual's spouse or parent is a dislocated worker.

Because this definition will be new to financial aid offices, the U.S. Department of Education and the USDOL anticipate that financial aid offices may need additional general guidance to clarify the definition of dislocated worker. USDOL is encouraging local One Stop Career Centers to respond to general information requests about the dislocated worker definition from financial aid offices, as necessary. The local workforce investment system and state unemployment insurance agency may support financial aid administrators in the following three ways:

1. Providing General Information to Dislocated Workers.

Providers are encouraged to provide general information to individuals receiving dislocated worker services who may be applying for financial aid in the next school year, and to encourage them to check the box on question 85 or 103 of the FAFSA indicating that the student, the student's spouse or one of the student's parents (for dependent child) is a dislocated worker.

2. Providing General Information to Financial Aid Administrators.

Providers may support financial aid administrators, when requested, by providing general guidance on 1) WIA definition of dislocated worker; and/or 2) appropriate

samples of documentation the financial aid offices could request from an individual to verify dislocated worker status such as a WARN notice, layoff notice or local labor market information.

3. Providing Specific Information to Dislocated Workers.

If an individual receiving dislocated worker services through one of the state's One Stop Providers requests proof of dislocated worker status to provide to the college financial aid office in support of their FAFSA application, providers need to complete the attached form letter verifying dislocated worker status for the individual making the request. Providers are instructed to provide verification information directly to the dislocated worker for submission to the educational institution rather than to the educational institution.

If you have any questions regarding this WIAB, please contact your regional liaison.

Attachment



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, GOVERNOR
ROGER B. MADSEN, DIRECTOR

**VERIFICATION LETTER OF DISLOCATED WORKER STATUS FOR FREE APPLICATION
FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

Date: _____

Re: Dislocated Worker Status under the State of Idaho Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Act program.

Dear Sir/Madame:

IDOL administers the Employment Security program and the Wagner-Peyser and Workforce Investment Act programs in the state of Idaho. Among the services the department offers under the Workforce Investment Act is the Adult and Dislocated Worker services.

I, _____(name of IDOL employee), _____(title of IDOL employee) for the State of Idaho Department of Labor, verify that _____(name of dislocated worker), last four digits of social security number: _____, is a dislocated worker under the Workforce Investment Act program and is eligible for Dislocated Worker services.

Sincerely,

Name,
Title
Idaho Department of Labor

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