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GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INNOVATION DIRECTIVE NO. PY2014-12, Change 04

SUBJECT: *State Reporting/Technical Assistance Guide for WIOA*

- 1. Purpose.** This Directive transmits Training and Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 10-15, Correction to the 2015 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL).
- 2. Discussion.** The revised Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) information was published earlier this year (Federal Register / Vol. 80, No. 59, March 27, 2015) and required changes to the Self-Sufficiency Income Level Chart. On July 16, 2015, the ETA issued (Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 136) corrected South Metro data as well as (corrected) Table 5 updated 2015 LLSIL (100 Percent) by Family Size. When the 2015 levels were corrected on July 16, 2015, they were originally made retroactive to the time they were first published on March 27, 2015. However, TEGL No. 10-15 states that all program participants who were determined eligible for services under the LLSIL published in the March 26, 2015 Federal Register Notice should remain eligible for WIOA Title I services, even if they would not qualify under the corrected LLSIL. All program participants whose eligibility is determined subsequent to TEGL No. 10-15's publication on December 22, 2015 should be evaluated based on the LLSIL provided in the July 16, 2015 Federal Register Notice. These corrected levels were provided in Attachment A of GWID PY2014-12, Change 3 (Appendix A (A-2) of the *State Reporting/Technical Assistance Guide for WIOA*).
- 3. Action.** All staff and subrecipients with participant eligibility determination-related responsibilities should use the tables provided in Attachment A of GWID PY2014-12, Change 3 to make determinations. Note that no changes have been made to these tables, which were issued on July 27, 2015.
- 4. Contact.** Any questions regarding this Directive should be referred to Tammy Wilkinson, Workforce Development Division at 334-242-5154 or tammy.wilkinson@commerce.alabama.gov.


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Date

Attachment:

TEGL 10-15 Correction to the 2015 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY SYSTEM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Washington, D.C. 20210	CLASSIFICATION WIOA
	CORRESPONDENCE SYMBOL OWI/Workforce Information
	DATE December 22, 2015

ADVISORY: TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 10-15

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
STATE WORKFORCE ADMINISTRATORS
STATE LABOR COMMISSIONERS
STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS
STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS
STATE LABOR MARKET INFORMATION, WORKFORCE INFORMATION,
OR RESEARCH DIRECTORS

FROM: PORTIA WU 
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Correction to the 2015 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL).

1. **Purpose.** To provide program guidance on the application of the LLSIL corrections for eligibility determination.
2. **References.**
 - Federal Register /Vol. 80, No. 136 /Thursday, July 16, 2015 pp. 42123-42124. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Correction
 - Federal Register / Vol. 80, No. 59 / Friday, March 27, 2015 pp. 16450-16456 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); Lower Living Standard Income Level
 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, (Pub. L. 113-28) Section 3(36)(B)
3. **Background.** The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issues an annual lower level standard income level (LLSIL) which is used for determining income eligibility in WIOA title I programs including the Youth program and Indian and Native American Program. The term “low-income individual” is defined in WIOA Section (3)(36) and includes six different components. One of the components is an individual who is in a family with total family income that does not exceed the higher of—
 - (I) the poverty line; or
 - (II) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level.

ETA issued the initial LLSIL information via Federal Register Notice on March 27, 2015. Subsequently, ETA issued a correction to the annual LLSIL on July 16, 2015, also via a Federal Register Notice. The corrections changed the income threshold used for eligibility for certain areas. These corrections applied to values for three regions within Tables 1, 4, and 5 of the LLSIL listings.

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4. **Application of the LLSIL Corrections.** All program participants who were determined eligible for services under the LLSIL levels published in the March 27, 2015 Federal Register Notice should remain eligible for WOIA Title I services, even if they would not qualify under the corrected LLSIL levels. All program participants whose eligibility is determined subsequent to this notification should be evaluated based on the LLSIL levels provided in the July 16, 2015 Federal Register Notice, and currently posted on the ETA Web site at <http://www.doleta.gov/Programs/lisa.cfm>. Any eligibility determinations made using the corrected LLSIL levels on July 16, 2015 or thereafter are and remain valid.
5. **Action Requested.** States should take note of and begin using the correct LLSIL levels as described in Section 4.
6. **Inquiries.** Questions regarding this guidance should be directed to the appropriate ETA regional office.