

Workforce Investment

What is the WIA Program?

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 reformed Federal job training programs and created a comprehensive workforce investment system call the WIA Program. The newly, reformed system is customer-focused and federally- funded with a primary goal of assisting individuals access the tools that they need to manage their careers and attain self-sufficiency through employment. The WIA program also targets assisting U.S. companies locate and hire skilled workers.

Are there eligibility requirements for the WIA Program? Yes.

You may be eligible for WIA services if you meet one of the following specific eligibility criteria:

- Dislocated workers-Laid off/terminated employees receiving unemployment benefits or have exhausted unemployment benefits.
- Disadvantaged Adults - low income meeting local guidelines.
- Youth ages 18-21.
- Displaced homemakers.

Please note: Along with eligibility you must also meet suitability to receive services under WIA.

Do I have a choice where and what I go to school for? Customer choice is TBWA's guiding principle.

- The school you attend must be on our locally approved vendor list.
- The training program you choose must be in a high growth occupation.

Are there any other services available to me while enrolled in the WIA program?

- Universal access. Any individual will have access to the One-Stop system and to core employment-related services. Information about job vacancies, career options, student financial aid, relevant employment trends, instruction on how to conduct a job search, write a resume, or interview with an employer is available to any job seeker in the U.S., or anyone who wants to advance their career.
- Support Services that may be available to you while enrolled in WIA:
 - Transportation assistance.
 - Training related expenses: uniforms, tools, licensure, and certification exams. You may be eligible to receiving funding up to \$3500 a fiscal year to pay for tuition, books, tools and supplies required of training program.

*All subject to availability of funds.

Additional Information can be found at:

http://www.floridajobs.org/workforce/Wia_QuickQues.html.