

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission
Workforce Integrated Programs Division

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TO: LWIBs, Fiscal Agents, Area Managers, OJT Coordinators and Local Office Managers

FROM: Richard J. Gilbertson, Director
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DATE: August 25, 2010

SUBJECT: National Emergency Grant OJT Eligibility Clarification

PURPOSE: The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) distributed the attached unnumbered Memorandum to clarify its On-the-Job Training National Emergency Grant (OJT NEG) participant eligibility criteria.

In order to qualify for program participation with OJT NEG funds, a person must:

- Meet the definition of a dislocated worker as defined in WIA Section 101(9);
- Have been laid off since January 1, 2008; and
- After meeting the first two criteria, be determined "prolonged unemployed".

For the purposes of the OJT NEG Initiative, "**prolonged unemployed**" refers to those dislocated workers who have been unemployed **beyond** the state's **average** Unemployment Insurance (UI) duration. The number of weeks is the important indicator, not the UI status. Therefore, **an individual not covered by UI may still be considered prolonged unemployed if the period of unemployment exceeded the state's average UI duration.**

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ATTACHMENT: DOL/ETA "Clarification on Participant Eligibility for OJT NEGs" Memorandum.