

The Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Area Jobs for Veterans Policy

I. Scope and Purpose

The Jobs for Veterans Act, Title 38, as amended, requires that priority of service be give to veterans in Department of Labor job training programs outlined in Section 2(b), Entitlement to Priority of Service.

II. Requirements

The Act states that “a covered person is entitled to priority of service under any qualified job training program if the person otherwise meets the eligibility requirements for participation in such program.”

Section 2(a) defines a “covered person” as a veteran or the spouse of a living or deceased disabled veteran of the spouse of a service member who has been listed for more than 90 days as missing in action or a prisoner of war. It then defines “priority of service” as meaning “with respect to any qualified job training program, that a covered personal shall be given priority over non-veterans for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided under that program, notwithstanding any other provision of the law.”

Section 2(a)(2) defines “qualified job training program” as any workforce preparation, development, or delivery program or service that is directly funded, in whole or in part, by the Department of Labor and includes programs and services under the one-stop system, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, a demonstration or other temporary program and those programs implemented by local service providers based on federal block grants administered by the Department of Labor.

III. Effective Date

This policy is effective July 1, 2015.