

Region VI Workforce Development Board 17 Middletown Road White Hall, WV 26554	Classification: Self-Sufficiency
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Region VI Guidance Letter No. 17-16, R-3

To: All WorkForce West Virginia Career Center staff  
All WIOA Career Planners/Eligibility Determination Staff  
All Local Service Providers

From: Region VI Workforce Development Board

Subject: Definition of Self-Sufficiency

1. PURPOSE: To establish local criteria for purposes of defining self-sufficiency and establishing WIOA eligibility for Adults and employed Dislocated Workers to receive training services.
2. REFERENCES WIOA sec 134(c)(3)(A) and West Virginia Lower Living Standard Income Levels for the current program year.
2. BACKGROUND: WIOA allows for maximum flexibility to local Boards when defining economic self-sufficiency, which will be the basis for providing training services to Adults, both employed and unemployed, and employed Dislocated Workers.
3. POLICY: For the purposes of determining eligibility for receipt of a WIOA ITA (Individual Training Account), On the Job, Transitional, and or Customized Training services, an adult is considered to be economically self-sufficient if he/she has received income, or is a member of a family that has received a total family income for the six-month period immediately prior to application for WIOA training services, that is at or above the 250% West Virginia Lower Living Standard Income Level for the current program year.  
  
An employed Dislocated Worker is considered to be economically self-sufficient if he/she is making a wage that is equal to or greater than 80% of his or her wage at the time of dislocation.  
  
The Region VI Workforce Development Board Executive Director may waive provisions of this policy when the Executive Director determines it is necessary in order to serve individuals with special circumstances.
4. EFFECTIVE: Effective October 14, 2020, until rescinded or modified by the Region VI Workforce Development Board.