



**NORTH DAKOTA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH ELIGIBILITY**

POLICY 2-03-01 (4)

PURPOSE:

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Section 129(a)(1)(B)(iii)(VIII) and Section 129(a)(1)(C)(iv)(VII) includes the Youth eligibility category of “requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment”. Section 681.300 advises State Boards to define this criterion.

POLICY:

“A low-income individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment” is defined as:

1. Having limited employment opportunities as defined as being unable to obtain employment after a four-week employment search, or
2. Residing in a community with limited youth-related employment opportunities defined as a community with 60 or less worksites based on LMI Area Profile data on July 1st of each year, or
3. Having one or more parents incarcerated, or
4. Having a record of being unable to hold employment demonstrated by being terminated from two or more jobs in the past six months

All WIOA eligibility must meet data validation requirements, including self-attestation, per WDC Data Validation Policy 2-15-01.

This policy is effective July 1, 2015.

REFERENCE:

- (0) NDWDC minutes dated May 12, 2015
- (1) NDWDC Administrative minutes dated September 25, 2018
- (2) NDWDC Administrative minutes dated October 28, 2021
- (3) NDWDC Administrative minutes dated November 16, 2023
- (4) NDWDC Administrative minutes dated June 10, 2026

REVIEW: June 10, 2029