

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
SOUTHWEST LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.

PUBLIC POLICY RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER FOR THE YOUTH PROGRAM

Section 1. The Southwest Local Workforce Development Board, Inc. establishes as Public Policy based on Public Law 113-128, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the English Language Learner Eligibility Criteria for the Youth Program, as stated.

Section 2. Reference

Public Law 113-128, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Sections 129(a)(1)(B)(iii)(III)(bb) and 129(a)(1)(C)(IV)(II).

Section 3. The term English Language Learner, under Section 203(7) when used with respect to a participant, means an eligible individual who has limited proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, or understanding the English language, and meets the following criteria for determining eligibility:

1. A youth whose native language is a language other than English (in the Southwest area and Puerto Rico-wide, the official language is Spanish); or
2. A youth who lives in a family or community setting where a language other than English is the dominant language (in the Southwest area and Puerto Rico-wide, the official language is Spanish).

Additional Criteria for Defining a Youth as an English Language Learner:

1. Out-of-school youth between the ages of 16 to 24, in addition to having a High School Diploma or its Equivalent, being Low Income, may also be considered as an English Language Learner under Section 129(a)(1)(B)(iii)(III)(bb).
2. Youth who are in school between the ages of 14 to 21 years of age this criterion will be considered for eligibility as an English Language Learner under Section 129(a)(I)(C)(IV)(II).

Section 4. Acceptable Documents for Eligibility Determination

That it complies with one or more of the following documents:

1. TABE test as a standardized test as an acceptable document to meet the required criteria.
2. Transcript of Credit or School Certification from an Accredited Institution.
3. Client's statement certifying his/her limitation in the English Language.

Section 5. This public policy will become effective immediately upon approval by this Board.

Supporting Documents: AJC-AP-034 Rev. May 2017, AJC-PJ-048 Rev. May 2017, AJC-AP-025 Rev. July 2018, AJC-MIS-051 Rev. January 2018.

In San Germán, Puerto Rico, today, April 26, 2019.



Roque Abad Ramírez Palermo, WDB Local Board Chairman