

RFP Questions and Answers

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Q1. Does the training have to be done as a cohort or can it be done on an open enrollment (individual) basis?

- For the purpose of both RFPs, the short-term training programs must accommodate a cohort size of a minimum of 10 and maximum of 18 eligible WIOA individuals.

Q2. It states training cannot exceed 16 weeks. Does that only include classroom training or does that include exams for certifications as well? If it does not include the exam/certification, would those have to be completed by June 17th?

- For the purpose of both RFPs, the short-term training programs must operate for a maximum of 16 consecutive weeks and result in a credential or industry recognized certificate. The training program curriculum should outline scope and sequence, instructional units, lesson plans, resources, teaching strategies, and attainment of credential or industry recognized certificate.

Q3. Can you please give a better explanation of what exactly you are looking for? We already have a Truck Driving Program that is 10 weeks in length for weekdays and 16 weeks for weekend and evenings. Are you looking to have a specific class run just for Forward Careers? Are you able to fund people who would sign up for our regular classes?

- Yes, the RFP was released to provide short-term training programs for WIOA eligible individuals that Forward Careers will screen for eligibility and enroll. Interested individuals may be referred to Forward Careers to screen for eligibility and enrollment. The short-term training program may model a currently developed program, as long as the training is currently on the [eligible training provider list](#) or in the process of being added, for WIOA eligible individuals.

Q4. The cost to enter our regular classes is approx.. \$3000.00 all costs (tuition, fees, out of pocket at DMV etc.)

- A cost of \$30,000 will meet the minimum cohort size of 10 WIOA eligible individuals.

Q5. There are also new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration- Entry Level Driver Training Rules coming out in February 2022. These rules are going to limit who can exactly can train Truck Drivers.

- The short-term training programs should be completed by July 17, 2022. There is opportunity to run a program before the new Federal Motor rules are released to maximum training instructors for this specific training program.