Buffalo & Erie County Workforce Investment Board
Eligible Training Provider List

The Buffalo & Erie County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), in conjunction with the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), administers a list of eligible training providers. Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), approved programs on the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) may be used for Individual Training Accounts (ITAs). An ITA is essentially a voucher given to an eligible adult customer (18 and above) of the One Stop System in Erie County who needs occupational skills training in order to enter or reenter employment.

To become approved as an eligible training provider in Erie County, a provider must apply, be evaluated and approved by the WIB. A provider's program/course/Offering must be on the ETPL in order for a customer to receive an ITA for that program/course/Offering. The application process is on-line and can be found at (http://applications.Labor.ny.gov/ETPL). Applications are accepted year round and evaluated within 2 weeks of submittal.

The Provider User Guide will explain the application process in greater detail.

If you need any assistance with this process, please contact Mark Cosgrove at 716-504-1480.

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**BACKGROUND**

The New York State Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) was established in compliance with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and continues under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The purpose of the ETPL is to present a broad and diverse selection of training choices to support employment goals of individuals. Training providers must be listed on the ETPL in order to receive WIOA funding through an individual training account or grant (ITA/ITG).

To be listed initially on the ETPL, a training provider’s program must be evaluated and approved by a Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB). After a training provider’s program(s) have been approved for initial eligibility, the program(s) will be required to undergo an evaluation for Continued Eligibility after one year. However, at this time NYS does not have a process in place for Continued Eligibility. The guide will be updated in the future to include the process for Continued Eligibility.

*The purpose of this guide is to provide general information and procedures for accessing and using the online ETPL application. This guide is not intended to provide all policies and procedures related to the certification of training programs.*
Browser Requirements

Supported browsers include Internet Explorer 7 or greater, Mozilla Firefox, or Google Chrome. We strongly recommend that you use Google Chrome to fully utilize the site. For more information, see Frequently Asked Questions in the Attachments.

If you are using Internet Explorer 9, 10 or 11 and are having problems, try turning on Compatibility View.

To turn on Compatibility View

1. See if the Compatibility View button appears in the Address bar. (If you don’t see the button, there’s no need to turn on Compatibility View.)

2. Tap or click the Compatibility View button to display the site in Compatibility View.

Once you turn on Compatibility View, Internet Explorer will automatically show that site in Compatibility View each time you visit. You can turn it off by tapping or clicking the button again or you can clear the entire list of sites using Compatibility View by deleting your browsing history.

Before You Begin

You will need to have or know the following:

- Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or Social Security Number (SSN)
- DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) Number
  - The DUNS number is a unique nine-character number that identifies your organization. Your company may already have a number, and you can search their site or request a number here: http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform. DUNS numbers are free and obtained from Dun and Bradstreet (D&B). You are not obligated to purchase any of D&B’s products.

- School License (if applicable) – Scanned and Uploaded to your Computer

In Part 3 of the application, several forms, either required by the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) and/or your LWDB, need to be printed, completed, scanned, and uploaded into the application.

The forms required by NYSDOL are:

- LWDA Eligible Training Provider Certification Assurances
- Authorized Signature
Creating Your Username and Password

- From the ETPL website (http://applications.labor.ny.gov/ETPL/) Welcome Page select Provider Log-In from the navigation bar on the left hand side. This will bring you to the Welcome Training Provider page. If you are an existing training provider, click on Already have Account to enter your Username and Password.

- If you are a new training provider, click on Create an Account. This will bring you to the New York State Directory Service (NYSDS) Self Registration page. Enter the required information including a 'temporary' password. All fields with an asterisk (*) must be completed. Your User ID is what you will use to log on to the ETPL and must be between 4-10 characters. After completing, click on Create Account. If your username is not unique, you will be prompted to create a different one.
You will be brought to the following screen. Enter your **Username** and temporary **Password** and click on **Sign In**.

You will be prompted to enter your **Old or Temporary Password** field, create a new password, and click on **Change Password**. **Please note, passwords are case sensitive and should be typed in; not “cut and pasted.”**

If the fields blank out, your new password was not accepted; and you will need to create another password.
After successfully changing your password, you will be brought to the following screen.

Click on Continue.

The following screen will appear. You will see one or more questions. Select a question(s) from the dropdown list(s), type in your answer(s) and confirm. Click on Submit.

You will have successfully modified your directory entry! Click on Continue. This will bring you to the Pre-Registration page.
- Select **FEIN** (Federal Employer Identification Number) or **SSN** (Social Security Number) from the drop-down box, fill in the number along with your **Zip Code** and **State**. Your Primary LWDB will be automatically assigned based on your zip code. **Enter your information carefully!**

- If you are located outside of New York State, an additional field will appear prompting you to select a Workforce Development Board—see below.

- Press **Submit**

### Pre-Registration

Please complete the fields below to begin the registration process to be a training provider user for your organization. Please note that our system allows you ONE registered training provider user for your organization.

* denotes required fields

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<td><strong>WIB</strong>&lt;br&gt;Select One</td>
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[Submit] [Reset]

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**If you have already successfully pre-registered and after logging on, are brought to the Pre-Registration screen again, do not re-enter the requested information. You may have typed your username incorrectly; usernames are case sensitive. Close out of the browser, reopen the page, and re-enter your username and password. **Contact Us** for assistance if necessary.**
If you are an existing provider, you will be brought to the Training Provider Home Page. Note that your Primary Workforce Development Board (LWDB) (based on your zip code) is displayed on the top of the page. Provider Name is Unknown until the Administration Tab is completed.

There is also a section for Announcements sent to you by your LWDB or NYSDOL.
PART 1 OF 6 – ADMINISTRATION

- Click on the Administration tab. The Provider Details page will appear. Enter the required information.

Once you enter your Business Name, you cannot edit it. Check for typos before saving! The information entered in the Training School Name (DBA) field is what will appear on the Eligible Training Provider List.

Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required fields.

This email address is used for application generated email notifications.

- The DUNS number is a unique nine-character number that identifies your organization. This is a mandatory field and can be obtained here: http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/CCRSsearch.do?val=1. DUNS numbers are free and obtained from Dun and Bradstreet (D&B). Your company may already have a number, and you can search their site to confirm this. You are not obligated to purchase any of D&B’s products.

- Fill out Administrative Contact Information, Admissions Contact Information, and Payment Contact Information. If the information for Admissions and Payment Contact Information is the same as the Administrative Contact, check the box above these sections to fill in automatically.
Under **Licensing Information**, choose whether your organization has a license or an exemption from the NYS Education Department and enter the required information as appropriate. You must choose one or the other. You cannot answer "No" to both.

If your Training Provider Organization has a license, click on "Yes" and fill out the **New License** information. Select the **Licensing Entity** from the dropdown list, enter **License #** and **Expiration Date**.*

To **Upload License Document**, click on **Browse**, locate a copy of your license on your computer, **Open** and "Upload" the document. Files can be **up to 2MB** and can be PDF, DOC, or JPG.

If you do not have a scanned copy readily available, you can upload a blank document in order to proceed with the registration process and upload your license later. After uploading, press **Save & Proceed**.

If your Training Provider Organization has an exemption under State Education Law §5001(2), select "yes" and your particular Exemption. Definitions of the Exemptions can be found by clicking on the link (See Education Law 5001) or in **Attachment A**.

Press **Save & Proceed**.

*Email reminders are sent 30 days before expiration. If a new license is not uploaded before the expiration date passes, automatic account deactivation will occur!
**PART 2 OF 6 – PROVIDER PROFILE**

**Type of Organization/Services Offered**

- Select the **Organization Type**, **Ownership**, and **Provider Type** from the drop-down box menus.
- Select the checkbox for any **Accrediting Entities**.

- Select checkboxes for any **Disability Adaptations**, **Additional Services**, or **Financial Aid**.
- Enter a **School Policy Webpage** URL, if available and a brief description in the **Profile Information** section.
- Press **Save & Proceed**.

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**Services Offered**

- Hearing Impaired
- Sight Impaired
- TDD
- Wheel Chair Access
- Other

**Disability Adaptations**

- Accessible from Public Transportation
- Additional Test Preparation
- Cafeteria
- Career Advisement
- Child day care
- Counseling
- Job Placement Services
- Meeting Rooms
- Partnership with Local Employers
- Resume Preparation
- Transportation

**Additional Services**

- Academic Competitiveness Grant
- Aid for Part Time Study (APTS)
- Federal Graduate and Professional PLUS Loan
- Federal Parent PLUS Loan
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Stafford Loan
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work-Study
- National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (SMART)
- TEACH Grant
- Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
- Other

**Financial Aid**
The **Documentation Tab** has **Downloadable Forms** required or requested by the New York State Department of Labor and/or the LWDB. All documents marked with a red asterisk (*) must be completed. Other documents, such as those shown below for New York City, may be required by your particular LWDB. See Attachments for the Assurances and Authorized Signature forms.

- **Provider Documentation**
  - Forms should be downloaded, completed and uploaded below.
  - If a signature is required, please scan the document and upload a copy of the form.
  - For questions regarding these forms, please contact your WIB.

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* denotes required

- Click on the document link shown above, open the document, and print the form.
- Fill out the form completely, scan, and save to your computer. Upload by browsing for the file on your computer. Click on **Open** and then **Upload Documents**.

Files must be less than 2 MB to upload! In addition, using Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox as your browser works best for uploading documents.

- Uploaded files will then appear in the section below.
- Press **Save & Proceed**.
Training Site Details

To add training site information:

- Click on **Add Training Site**.

- Fill in a **Training Site Description**. If you only have one location, enter your school's name here. **This description should be relatively short; it will be viewed on the ETPL.**

- Fill out **Training Site Address Information** and **Training Site Contact Information**, or check the box to copy from Training Site Description.

- Press **Save & Proceed**.
PART 5 OF 6 – TRAINING COURSE DETAILS

- From the Provider Home Page, click Training Course Details link. You can also navigate through the application by clicking on the tabs shown in the second box below.

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**Important Notice!**
Your Registration is not complete.
Select a section below to edit your saved information.

- Training Provider Information
  - Administration  Completed
  - Profile          Completed
  - Documentation    Completed
- Training Site Details  Completed
- Training Course Details Not Completed
- Course Offering Details Not Completed

- Click on Add Training Course.

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For your initial application, you can only enter one course with one corresponding offering. After your primary LWDB approves, you will be able to add additional courses and offerings.
• Fill in Course Information, including the Course Title, Course Skill Level, Program Type, Course Admission, Course Length, Internet Information, and Course Status.

You must change the Course Status to 'Active' to send to the WDB for approval.

• Complete the Course Description and Course Curriculum. Please proofread your information.

• Fill in Course Prerequisites if applicable (not shown).

Costs Section

• Costs – Enter Tuition Cost, which is tuition cost only.

• To add Required Costs and Additional Costs, select a category from the dropdown menu, fill in an amount, and then click Add.

Required Costs include items that are required to complete the course such as books, lab fees, materials, etc.

If there are no Required Costs, select 'None' from the dropdown list, enter ‘0’ and click on Add.

Additional Costs are costs not required to take the course, but customer may have to pay, i.e., uniform, tools, etc.

• Course Hours Breakdown – Classroom field must be more than 0 hours. If there are no Lab, Internship, or Practical costs, enter a 0.
Add Credential Information. Contact us if the appropriate Certification Entity is not listed.

Enter Career Classifications by selecting Click Here to Edit Selection

A list of instructional programs will appear. Select one or more course descriptions and click on Save Selection.

The Corresponding Occupational Tracks will enter automatically after saving.

**Course Level Approval Documents**

- Fill in License Information, if applicable.
  
- To upload a copy of the license, click Browse, select document from your computer, and press Open.

Click Upload.

Please note your LWDB may require you to upload course documents here that are not a license. Enter 9999 in the License # Field and Enter 12/31/2015 for the Expiration Date.

Click on Save & Proceed. You will get the following message:

*Every course must have an active offering. You must add or edit a course offering.*

Click on Add New Offering (or if you have offerings listed, click on the underlined number to update).
NOTE: Clicking on Save & Proceed will send the application to your primary LWDB for approval. Make sure that your application is complete before saving this page.

Course Offering Specifics

- Select the appropriate Training Site from the dropdown menu.
- Offering Status – Select Active.

You must change the Offering Status to Active to send to the LWDB for approval.

- Fill in Schedule Type, the Start Date and End Date. Start and end dates do not have to be exact; a range of dates can be entered.
- Add New Schedule if available, and click Add.

Course Offering Details

- Select Method of Delivery.
- Enter:
  - Instructor Name
  - Instructor Credentials
  - Class Size
  - Offering Language
  - Time Classification

Please do not submit duplicate offerings with different start and end dates. Enter a range of dates spanning several years with a notation in Course Description field, “See website or contact school for current schedule.”
Press Save & Submit.

This completes the registration process! You will be brought back to the Training Provider Home Page and should see the following announcement:

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**Important Notice!**

Your Registration has been Completed, awaiting Approval by the appropriate WIB.
You may select a section below to edit your saved information.

- Training Provider Information
  - Administration
  - Profile
  - Documentation
- Training Site Details
- Training Course Details
- Course Offering Details

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"Your Registration has been completed, awaiting Approval by the appropriate LWDB.
You may select a section below to edit your saved information."*

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*At this time, please do not edit your saved information.

If the LWDB requires additional information, they will let you know.
You will be unable to submit additional courses until your initial application is approved.

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You will be notified by email if your registration has been approved or if your LWDB requires additional information.
Logging Out of the ETPL

IMPORTANT! Follow the steps below to correctly log off the ETPL application if using Internet Explorer:

After clicking Logout in the top right of the screen, you will see a Close window button in the middle of your screen.

Click Close Window.

Now you will see a message asking you to confirm that you wish to close out the tab.

Click Yes to close the tab and log off the ETPL application.
CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY

WIOA requires that programs approved for Initial Eligibility undergo an evaluation for Continued Eligibility after one year. Future Continued Eligibility reviews must be completed biennially. However, at this time NYS does not have a process in place for Continued Eligibility. The guide will be updated in the future to include the process for Continued Eligibility.

APPRENTICESHIP

All Registered Apprenticeship programs are automatically eligible to be included on the ETPL. New York State does not currently have a process in place for automatically adding Registered Apprenticeship programs. Registered Apprenticeship providers that want to be added before the process is finalized should contact the Department of Labor. The Department of Labor will facilitate the approval of Registered Apprenticeship programs.

ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are included for your use.

- Acronyms
- Section 5001 of the Education Law
- LWDA Eligible Training Provider Certification Assurances Form
- Authorized Signature Form
- Frequently Asked Questions
# ACRONYMS

Below is a list of commonly used acronyms regarding the ETPL:

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SECTION 5001 OF THE EDUCATION LAW

§ 5001. Licensed private career schools.

1. Schools required to be licensed. No private school which charges tuition or fees related to instruction and which is not exempted hereunder shall be operated by any person or persons, firm, corporation, or private organization for the purpose of teaching or giving instruction in any subject or subjects, unless it is licensed by the department. Please refer to Section 5001 for further details.
Username and Password Requirements/Browser Issues

What are the User Id and password requirements?
User IDs must be at least 4 characters, can be up to 10, and must be unique. If your selection is not available, you will be prompted to select a different one.

Your password must meet these requirements:
1. minimum of 8 characters;
2. must contain 1 letter; and
3. must contain 1 number.

User ids and passwords are case sensitive. An example of a valid username is abctrain. An example of a valid password is 123abc456.

How do I clear a saved password in my browser?
Saving a password in your browser might save you time but also may lead to potential issues logging in, as well as being less secure. If you are having trouble logging in, this may be a cause of your problem. You can turn off the Auto-Complete function with the following steps:

Windows:

Internet Explorer:
To disable the AutoComplete feature:
1. Click Tools menu
   - Press Alt-T if you don't see a menu
2. Click Internet Options
3. Click Advanced tab
4. Uncheck Use inline AutoComplete checkbox under Browsing
5. Click OK

To clear the password field:
1. Click Tools menu
   - Press Alt-T if you don't see a menu
2. Click Internet Options
3. Click General tab
4. Click Delete button under Browsing History
5. Click Delete Passwords button under Passwords, in the Delete Browsing History window
6. Click Yes, in the Delete Passwords alert box,
7. Click Close in Delete Browsing History window, and OK on the Internet Options window.

To disable the save password feature:
1. Click Tools menu
   - Press Alt-T if you don't see a menu
2. Click Internet Options
3. Click Content tab
4. Click Settings button under the AutoComplete
5. Uncheck both the User names and passwords on forms and Prompt me to save passwords checkboxes on the AutoComplete Settings window
6. Click OK
7. Click OK

Firefox:
1. Click Tools
2. Click Options
3. Click **Security** tab
4. Uncheck **Remember password for sites** under **Passwords**
5. Click **Privacy** tab
6. Click **Clear Now...** under **Private Data**
7. Check **Saved Form and Search History**
   - Check **Saved Passwords** (if applicable)
8. Click **Clear Private Data Now**
9. Click **OK**

**Mac:**

**Firefox:**
1. Click **Firefox**
2. Click **Preferences**
3. Click **Security** tab
4. Uncheck **Remember password for sites** under **Passwords**
5. Click **Privacy** tab
6. Click **Clear Now...** under **Private Data**
7. Check **Saved Form and Search History**
   - Check **Saved Passwords** (if applicable)
8. Click **Clear Private Data Now**

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**I entered information but now cannot see it after logging on. Why did this happen?**

This is a key indicator that the browser is pulling a cached page.

Each time you access a web page your web browser caches (stores) it, and related files such as images and scripts, to your computer’s hard drive. This cache enables the web browsers to display frequently visited web pages faster, as the browser does not have to request the page from a remote web site. Over time, the web browser should check to see if there are any updates to the web page you are visiting, rather than pulling the old version from cache.

If this doesn't happen, you should periodically clear the cache to allow your browser to function more efficiently and retrieve updated current information from the remote web site.

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**Instructions for Clearing a Web Browser’s cache:**

**Mac OS X**

**Firefox:**
1. Click **Firefox** menu.
2. Click **Preferences**.
3. Click **Advanced** icon.
4. Click **Network** tab.
5. Under **Offline Storage**, Click **Clear Now**.

**Windows**

**Firefox:**
1. Click **Tools** menu.
2. Click **Clear Private Data**.
3. Check **Cache** checkbox.
4. Click **Clear Private Data Now**.

**Firefox:**
1. Click **Tools** menu.
2. Select **Options**.
3. Select the **Advanced** panel.
4. Under *Offline Storage*, click **Clear Now**.
5. Click **OK**.

**Internet Explorer:**

1. Click **Tools** menu.
2. Click **Internet Options**
3. Click **Delete** under *Browsing History*
4. Uncheck **Preserve Favorites website data**
5. Check **Temporary Internet Files**
6. Click **Delete**
7. Click **OK**