

ETA Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has developed a Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs) to address questions related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) to help state and local workforce leaders, and other stakeholders and partners to assist the public workforce system during this crisis.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth

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Q. Can states transfer funds from the WIOA Youth program to the WIOA Dislocated Worker program?

Response: Under current law, states may not transfer funds from the WIOA Youth program, but may transfer funds between the WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. Such transfers are within the WIOA waiver authority under Section 189. ETA will consider any waiver that a state proposes, and evaluates each waiver on a case by case basis according to the criteria specified in statute and listed at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa/waivers>. States may request waivers for transfers from the Youth program or for any other provisions. However, states should be ready to describe how quality services will still be provided to out-of-school youth.

Q. Can ETA provide relief on out-of-school youth (OSY) 20% Work Experience expenditure requirement?

Response: ETA acknowledges work experiences for youth during this time period may be harder to provide. Program expenditures on this program element may include more than just wages paid to youth. Allowable expenditures may include items such as:

- ▶ Wages or stipends paid for participation in a work experience;
- ▶ Staff time working to identify and develop a work experience opportunity, including staff time spent working with employers to identify and develop the work experience;
- ▶ Staff time working with employers to ensure a successful work experience, including staff time spent managing the work experience;
- ▶ Staff time spent evaluating the work experience;
- ▶ Participant work experience orientation sessions;
- ▶ Employer work experience orientation sessions;

- ▶ Classroom training or the required academic education component directly related to the work experience;
- ▶ Incentive payments directly tied to the completion of work experience; and
- ▶ Employability skills or job readiness training to prepare youth for a work experience.

When determining the types of expenditures that are allowable to help meet this requirement, additional information can be found in [TEGL 08-15](#) and [TEGL 21-16](#), p.15. If state and local areas do not meet this requirement at the end of their period of performance, the Department will follow standard monitoring procedures for this program element.