

## FEDERAL GUIDANCE: Workforce & Education

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Recent federal guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) reinforces cross-program planning, alignment, and collaboration across the workforce system.

| Advisory                                                                                                                                         | Subject                                                                                                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Issue Date   |
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| <a href="#">ED Final Rule: Workforce Pell Grant Program</a>                                                                                      | Workforce Pell Grants                                                                                      | ED released finalized regulations implementing Workforce Pell Grants for short-term educational programs.                                                                                                        | May 19, 2026 |
| <a href="#">ED Final Rule: Accountability in Higher Education Access Through Demand-Driven Workforce Pell: STATS and Earnings Accountability</a> | Program-level earnings accountability and transparency                                                     | ED finalized a rule replacing the prior debt-to-earnings framework with an earnings premium measure and limiting Direct Loan eligibility for programs with low graduate earnings outcomes.                       | July 1, 2026 |
| <a href="#">TEGL 11-25</a>                                                                                                                       | Clarifying Allowable Outreach Activities for Federal Formula and Competitive Grants                        | USDOL released guidance that clarifies that outreach, advertising, employer engagement, and related communications are allowable uses of WIOA, AEFLA, Perkins V, and other ETA grant funds. Rescinds TEGL 03-23. | May 19, 2026 |
| <a href="#">TEN 09-25</a>                                                                                                                        | Exercise of Enforcement Discretion Regarding Certain Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) Regulations | USDOL announced temporary enforcement discretion for selected Wagner-Peyser ES Requirements while ETA reviews regulations alignment with federal policy.                                                         | May 18, 2026 |
| <a href="#">OCTAE Program Memorandum 26-5</a>                                                                                                    | Strengthening Recognized Post Secondary Credentials in Career and Technical Education                      | Provides guidance on identifying, approving, and using postsecondary credentials that demonstrate labor market value and are aligned with employer demand.                                                       | May 12, 2026 |