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To obtain information for the On-The-Job Training Program contact the local Alabama Career Center at the location listed below.

**Alabama Career Center:**

Business Card

- **Equal opportunity employer/program**
- **Auxillary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.**

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## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Trainees must meet the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligibility requirements.
- Employers must have Workmen's Compensation or approved on-site accident insurance.
- Training agreement must be approved before trainees can begin to work.
- Trainees must not be currently working for the employer.
- Full-time employment is required.
- Employer must provide a wage of at least \$8.00 an hour for non-metropolitan counties and \$9.00 an hour for metropolitan counties in Alabama.
- Trainees must receive the same wages and benefits as other employees holding the same or similar positions.
- Trainees abide by the same company policies as other employees.

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## ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT) PROGRAM



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## New Hire On-The-Job Training

There are two types of On-the-Job Training programs: New Hire and Performance-Based. Funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, the Alabama Department of Commerce administers the On-the-Job Training Program. The OJT program gives individuals an opportunity to learn new job skills and allows employers to train new employees while saving money on training costs. A Business Service Representative and the employer will create a training plan that defines training objectives and goals for the trainee(s).

The OJT program is designed to provide reimbursement to employers for the extraordinary costs associated with the hiring and training of individuals eligible for these services. This reimbursement serves as an incentive to encourage employers to hire individuals who do not have all of the required skills for a particular job.

The negotiated training period can range from 6 to 26 weeks based on the skill level of the participant(s) and the training occupation.

OJT trainees must be paid at least \$8.00 per hour in non-metropolitan counties and \$9.00 per hour in metropolitan counties or the same wage as other entry-level employees in the same occupation if higher.

The New Hire OJT agreement allows an employer to hire new workers and train them in skilled positions, with a goal of permanent employment upon successful completion of training.

## Employer Benefits

- **E**mployers may receive up to 75% for reimbursement of trainees' hourly wages.
- **E**mployers make all hiring decisions.
- **E**mployers tailor all training.
- **E**mployers save recruiting, screening and training costs.
- **L**ength of training is negotiable.
- **M**inimal paperwork for the employers.
- **I**ncreased cash flow and profits.
- **N**o cost for OJT services.

### Wage Reimbursement Chart

**1-50 employees : Up to 75% reimbursement for eligible Adults, Youth and Dislocated Workers**  
**51-200 employees: Up to 75% reimbursement for eligible Dislocated Workers (ONLY)**  
**50% reimbursement for all other businesses.**

**Note: Public sector and private non-profit employers are only eligible for 50% reimbursement.**



**Note: OJT trainees cannot begin work/training until the OJT agreement is approved by the WDD authorized representative.**

## Performance-Based On-The-Job Training

Performance-Based On-the-Job Training Agreements are designed to offer training for a large number of employees for a short period of training time. This includes skilled and/or unskilled workers when time is of the essence (need trained employees fast).

Training hours, training plans, number of trainees, and **cost and wages are negotiated** through the Department of Commerce on a case-by-case basis. All Performance-Based agreements are based on the employer's needs at the time.

The Business Service Representative assisting the employer with the agreement must submit a letter to WDD's Alabama Workforce Investment Area Section with the following information:

- Employer's business name
- Background information on the employer
- Number of employees to be trained
- Hiring Positions
- Time period recommended for training
- Job descriptions
- Wages per hour/per positions

The employer is eligible to receive reimbursement for training after the employee's completion of training **plus one day.**