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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEMO #30**

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**DATE:** APRIL 24, 2020 **REVISION DATE:** MARCH 23, 2021  
**TO:** DISLOCATED WORKER PROVIDERS  
**FROM:** AMY GIMLIN, WSW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
**RE:** DISLOCATED WORKER ELIGIBILITY DURING COVID-19

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**Temporary revision to definition of *Unlikely to Return to Previous Occupation***

***Previous Definition:***

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***Temporary Definition:***

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From now until **June 30, 2021**, an individual who has a return to work date that is 8 weeks or less from the point of application for the WIOA program is considered likely to return to their previous industry or occupation except when a physical or mental limitation prevents them from returning to work in their previous industry or occupation.