



Migrant Education Program Identification & Recruitment

Stamp of Eligibility

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Objectives

- ▶ Explain the basic requirements of eligibility for the Title I, Part C, Migrant Education Program
- ▶ Apply the basic MEP eligibility requirements using scenarios



Authorities

- ▶ Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Title I Part C
- ▶ Code of Federal Regulations, 34 CFR 200.81
- ▶ Non-Regulatory Guidance



S.T.A.M.P. of Eligibility

S – School Completion

T – Time of Move

A – Age of Child/Youth

M – Move

P – Purpose





S.T.A.M.P. of Eligibility

School Completion

Make sure the child/youth has:

NOT graduated from high school;

NOT earned a GED.



S.**T**.A.M.P. of Eligibility

Time of move

The child and qualifying worker moved
within the past **36 months.**



S.T.**A**.M.P. of Eligibility

Age

Make sure the child/youth is
younger than 22 years of age.



S.T.A.**M**.P. of Eligibility

Move

Make sure the child/youth and qualifying worker

moved due to economic necessity
ACROSS school district lines

to change from one residency to another.



S.T.A.**M**.P. of Eligibility

The child and worker “moved”

With, to
join, to
precede, or
as the
worker

- The child and worker “moved” together.
 - The child “moved” to join the worker.
 - The worker “moved” to join the child.
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S.T.A.**M**.P. of Eligibility

The child and worker “moved”

From one
school
district to
another

Across school district lines

- From TX to FL
 - From MX to FL
 - From Collier County to Hillsborough County
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S.T.A.**M**.P. of Eligibility

The child and worker “moved”

Change of
residence

to live and not just to visit.

Does not include:

- Visit family or friends
 - Attend a wedding
 - Take a vacation
 - Take care of “legal” matters
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S.T.A.**M**.P. of Eligibility

The child and worker “moved”

Due to
economic
necessity

Examples of Economic Necessity

- Not able to afford to stay in the current location
 - Move in order to earn a living
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S.T.A.**M**.P. of Eligibility

The child and worker “moved”

Within the
past 36
months

- Three years



MOVE*

The child and worker “moved.”

With, to
join, to
precede, or
as the
worker

A
N
D

From one
school
district to
another

A
N
D

Change of
residence

A
N
D

Due to
economic
necessity

A
N
D

Within the
past 36
months

All criteria must be met



S.T.A.M.**P**. of Eligibility

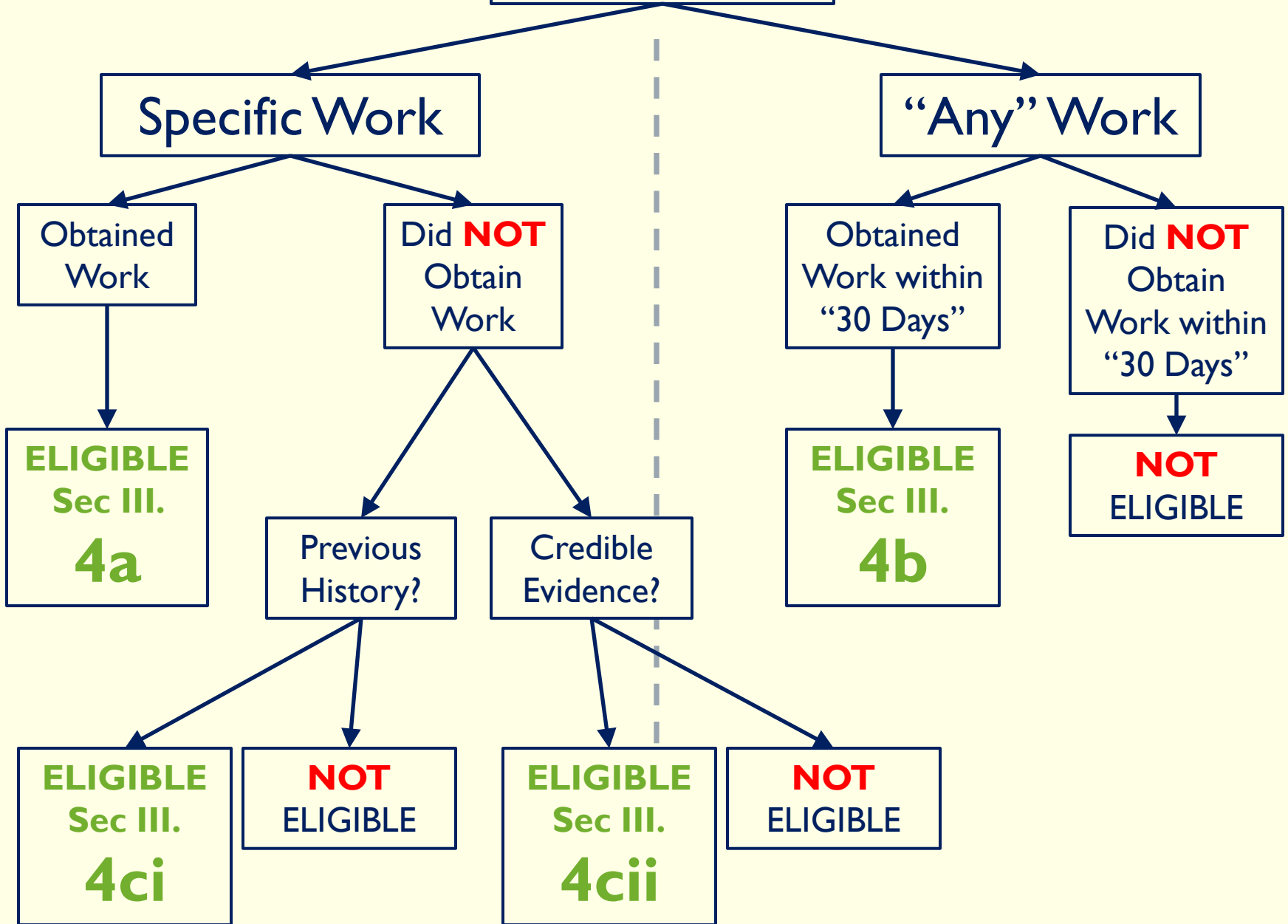
Purpose

“Move or Moved in Order to Obtain”

Move or Moved – means a change from one residence to another residence that occurs due to economic necessity.

In Order to Obtain – used to describe why a worker moved, means that **one of the purposes** of the move is to seek or obtain qualifying work.

PURPOSE





S.T.A.M.**P**. of Eligibility

Purpose

“Move or Moved in Order to Obtain”

If a worker states that one of the purposes of the move was to seek any type of employment (the worker moved with no specific intent to find work in a particular job), the worker is deemed to have moved with a purpose of obtaining qualifying work if the worker obtains qualifying work soon after the move.

Therefore, for those who moved to get “**any**” work and end up obtaining qualifying work soon after the move, it is enough to say that they moved to obtain qualifying work.



S.T.A.M.**P**. of Eligibility

Purpose

“Move or Moved in Order to Obtain”

A worker who did not obtain qualifying work soon after a move may be considered to have moved in order to obtain qualifying work only if the worker states that at least one purpose of the move was specifically to seek the qualifying work, and there is:

- Prior migrant history ***and/or***
 - Credible evidence that the worker sought qualifying work but, for reasons beyond the worker’s control, the work was not available.
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S.T.A.M.**P**. of Eligibility

Purpose

Move or Moved in order to Obtain:

- Seasonal or Temporary, and
 - Agricultural or Fishing work.
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S.T.A.M.**P**. of Eligibility

Purpose

“Seasonal or Temporary”

Seasonal – Employment that occurs only during a certain period of the year because of the cycles of nature and, that by its nature, may be continuous or carried on throughout the year.



S.T.A.M.**P**. of Eligibility

Purpose

“Seasonal or Temporary”

Temporary – Employment that lasts for a limited period of time, usually a few months, but no longer than 12 months.

- Employer states that worker was hired for a limited timeframe.
 - The worker states he/she does not intend to remain in that employment indefinitely.
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S.T.A.M.**P**. of Eligibility

Purpose

“Agricultural or Fishing Work”

Agricultural Work – The production or initial processing of crops, dairy products, poultry, or livestock, as well as the cultivation or harvesting of trees. It consists of work performed for wages or personal subsistence.



S.T.A.M.**P**. of Eligibility

Purpose

“Agricultural or Fishing Work”

Fishing Work – The catching or initial processing of fish or shellfish or the raising or harvesting of fish or shellfish at fish farms. It consists of work performed for wages or personal subsistence.



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PURPOSE

EARLY MOVE for Specific Work

“Any  Work”

QAD
Move is
complete

Worker
Obtained
Qualifying
Work

Interview is conducted

- Document COE

Sec III, 4a

- Comments:

“This is an Early Move”

Why was the move early?

Note: The work was obtained *before* the interview was conducted.

PURPOSE

EARLY MOVE for Specific Work

“Any **X** Work”

QAD
Move is
complete

**Interview is
conducted**

- Document COE
**Sec III.
4ci/4cii**
- Comments:
“This is an Early Move”
Why an early move?
When does season
start?
Previous History?
Credible Evidence

Worker
Obtained
Qualifying
Work

Follow Up

- (phone/in person)
- Comments:
Date of follow up
**“Work
Obtained”**
Did you perform
any other qualifying
activity in the
meantime?

Note: The work was obtained *after* the interview was conducted.