

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 10-38

Policy Information

To: Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Regional Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Michael Taylor, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: April 29, 2010

Subject: **Trade Adjustment Assistance Changes and Related MOSES Training**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of TAA program training scheduled for May.

Background: The DCS Trade Unit and the MOSES training staff will conduct five training sessions in May (see Chart, below) covering all TAA program changes resulting from enactment of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 that significantly amended the TAA program. Those changes (effective 5/18/09) were announced in Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 22-08 (5/16/2009 - see link, below).

The training content is divided into two distinct sections. The morning session will specifically focus on the changes to the Reemployment / Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA / ATAA) program. The afternoon session provides a more generalized overview that covers the Act and its associated regulations and how the statutory changes affect the main policy and procedural elements of the both TAA program and Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA).

NOTE: While attendance at both the morning and afternoon sessions is recommended, for those unable to commit to a full day of training, the Commonwealth *strongly urges* that participants attend the morning session.

NOTE: This training is essential for all career center managers and staff who either administer the TAA program at the local level or provide direct assistance to TAA eligible customers.

TAA Training Schedule

DATE	SESSION	LOCATION
Friday, May 7	<i>9 a.m. to noon:</i> Reemployment / Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance Program	Workforce Central CC, Milford
Friday, May 7	<i>1 p.m. to 4 p.m.:</i> The Trade Act & associated regulations: affect on TAA policy & and procedural elements and TRA. (Condensed Trade 101)	Workforce Central CC, Milford
Monday, May 10	<i>9 a.m. to noon:</i> Reemployment / Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance Program	Franklin Hampshire CC, Northampton
Monday, May 10	<i>1 p.m. to 4 p.m.:</i> The Trade Act & associated regulations; how changes affect policy & procedural elements of the TAA Program and TRA (Condensed Trade 101)	Franklin Hampshire CC, Northampton
Monday, May 17	<i>9 a.m. to noon:</i> Reemployment / Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance Program	Career Opportunities CC, Hyannis
Monday, May 17	<i>1 p.m. to 4 p.m.:</i> The Trade Act & associated regulations; how changes affect policy & procedural elements of the TAA Program and TRA (Condensed Trade 101)	Career Opportunities CC, Hyannis
Tuesday, May 25	<i>9 a.m. to noon:</i> Reemployment / Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance Program	C.F. Hurley, Boston Minihan Hall, 6 th floor
Tuesday, May 25	<i>1 p.m. to 4 p.m.:</i> The Trade Act & associated regulations; how changes affect policy & procedural elements of the TAA Program and TRA (Condensed Trade 101)	C.F. Hurley, Boston Minihan Hall, 6 th floor

Friday, May 28	<i>9 a.m. to noon:</i> Reemployment / Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance Program	North Shore CC, Salem
Friday, May 28	<i>1 p.m. to 4 p.m.:</i> The Trade Act & associated regulations; how changes affect policy & procedural elements of the TAA Program and TRA (Condensed Trade 101)	North Shore CC, Salem

Registration Information: Individuals interested in attending should forward registration information to Juanita Brown-Cooks at jbrown-cooks@detma.org . PLEASE SPECIFY DATE AND SESSION(S) THAT YOU WILL ATTEND. Please also provide the following additional registration information:

Name
Work Location
Contact information (telephone number and email address)

Seating is limited to **25 participants** per session. Lunch will not be provided.

To access TEGL No. 22-08, please click on the following link:

<http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/tegl/TEGL22-08acc.pdf>

Action

Required: Please disseminate this information and assure that all appropriate staff register for their choice of training sessions.

Inquiries: Questions related to the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program should be directed to Beth Goguen at BGoguen@detma.org or 617-626-6053. Questions regarding the specific training content should be directed to Tom Cartier at TCartier@detma.org or 617-626-5303.