

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Development Board Chairs  
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Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Operations

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** November 10, 2016

**Subject:** **Job Search Allowances Under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program**

**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and local workforce partners of changes to the Job Search Allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Programs. This policy is being amended to ensure alliance, where allowable and applicable, with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

**Background:** The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program for workers was first established by the Trade Act of 1974 and has been amended numerous times. It was first amended by the TAA Reform Act of 2002; then by the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 and further amended by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011. On January 1, 2014 the Sunset Provisions of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 program became effective and are referred to as “Reversion 2014”. The Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA 2015) was signed into law by President Barack Obama on June 29, 2015. TAARA 2015 repeals the sunset provision of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (TAAEA), under which the Reversion 2014 Program was in effect.

This issuance provides notice of the amount and procedural guidance with respect to applying for TAA Job Search Allowances (Attachment A).

The issuance also includes the Request for Job Search Allowances application form (Attachment B) and the Interview Verification Form (Attachment C).

**Policy:** Job Search Allowance amounts for any individual determined to be TAA eligible may fall under the following rules:

<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Job Search Allowance Rule</b>
Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of <b>2002</b> (TAARA)	A worker may be reimbursed 90% of the costs of allowable travel and subsistence, up to a maximum of \$1,250
Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of <b>2011</b> (TAAEA) and	
Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of <b>2015</b> (TAARA 2015)	
Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of <b>2009</b> (TGAAA)	A worker may be reimbursed 100% of the costs of allowable travel and subsistence, up to a maximum of \$1,500

The total amount of Job Search Allowances paid to an individual under a certification may not exceed the maximum amount (depending on the date of the filing date of the petition under which the individual is covered), regardless of the number of job searches completed by the individual.

**Action**

**Required:** Please distribute copies of this policy notice to all appropriate individuals in your organization, and take necessary action to ensure compliance with this policy.

**Effective:** Immediately

**Attachments:** A. TAA Job Search Allowance Procedural Guidance  
B. TAA Job Search Allowance Application Form  
C. Interview Verification Form

**References:** Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended  
The Trade Reform Act of 2002  
The Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009  
Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Extension Act of 2011  
The Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015  
Trade Regulations, 20 CFR Part 617

TEGL 11-02 Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade Act of 2002, issued October 10, 2002 and subsequent changes

TEGL 22-08 Operating Instructions For Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, issued on May 15, 2009

TEGL 10-11 Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (TAAEA)

TEGL 05-15 Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA 2015)

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