

Mass Workforce Issuance

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

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: November 10, 2016

Subject: **Relocation Allowances Under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and local workforce partners of Relocation Allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program. This policy is being amended to ensure alliance, where allowable and applicable, with the enactment of 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 had been in effect since January 1, 2014.

This issuance provides procedural guidance with respect to applying for TAA Relocation Allowances (Attachment A). The issuance also includes the Request for Relocation Allowances application form (Attachment B) and the Employment Verification Form For Relocation Allowances (Attachment C).

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

Petitions	Relocation Allowance Rule
Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002 (TAARA) Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (TAAEA) Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA 2015)	A worker may be reimbursed for 90% of their reasonable relocation costs, plus a lump sum payment of three times the worker's weekly wage up to \$1,250
Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 (TGAAA)	A worker will be reimbursed 100% of their reasonable relocation expenses, and increases the additional lump sum payment for relocation to a maximum of \$1,500

Action

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

Effective: Immediately

Attachments: A. TAA Relocation Allowances Procedural Guide
B. Request for Relocation Allowances
C. Employment Verification Form for Relocation Allowances

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

An equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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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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