

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Board Chairs  
Workforce 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

Robert Cunningham, Director  
Department of Unemployment Assistance

**Date:** August 14, 2015

**Subject:** **TAA Program Changes Resulting from the Enactment of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Boards, One Stop Career Center Operators, and other Local Workforce and Economic Development partners of implementation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA). TAARA repeals the sunset provisions of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (TAAEA) and reauthorizes the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) retroactive back to January 2014.

States have 90 days to implement the transition of benefits and services under the 2015 Program provisions to Reversion 2014 participants. States will continue to administer [the Reversion 2014 Program benefits](#), including ATAA, to workers covered under petition series 85,000 through 89,999, through September 27, 2015; and will administer 2015 Program benefits and services to those workers certified under the Reversion 2014 Program beginning Monday, September 28, 2015.

Changes to the Massachusetts One-Stop Employment System (MOSES) and UI Online are being prepared. Once the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance issues operational guidance more information will be sent under separate cover.

**Background:** The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program provides benefits and support to U.S. workers who become unemployed due to the impact of international trade. On June 29, 2015, President Obama signed into law the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015, which continues the TAA program for six years, and changes the group eligibility requirements and individual benefits and services available under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011's sunset provisions from January 1, 2014.

Specific details regarding the changes to services and benefits are found in Attachment A.

**Action**

**Required:** Please assure that all appropriate staff and partner organizations are apprised of the contents of this issuance effective September 28, 2015. Local Boards and One-Stop Career Center Operators should ensure that appropriate staff is fully informed of the required program changes that will be in effect.

**Inquiries:** Please direct all inquiries to Beth Goguen at [bgoguen@detma.org](mailto:bgoguen@detma.org) or 617-626-6053.

**Attachment:** Specific Changes for Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA 2015)