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THE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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A Glance at the Trade Program

Overview

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program is a federal entitlement program that assists U.S. workers who have lost or may lose their jobs as a result of foreign trade. This program seeks to provide adversely affected workers with opportunities to obtain the skills, credentials, resources, and support necessary to become reemployed.

Program Eligibility

A petition identifies a worker group at a specific firm or subdivision and covers all individuals in that group. Generally, if a worker is laid off, a petition must be submitted within one year of the layoff for that worker to be covered by the petition and the certification if DOL grants the petition.

A group of workers may be eligible for TAA if their jobs are lost or threatened due to trade-related circumstances as determined by the DOL investigation. These circumstances may include:

- ◆ Increased imports of either articles or services;
- ◆ A shift in production to or an acquisition of services or articles from any foreign country by the worker group's company;
- ◆ An employer's loss of business from a customer with TAA-certified workers; or
- ◆ An employer is identified as trade-injured by the International Trade Commission (ITC).

After the investigation, DOL determines group eligibility to apply for TAA benefits and services. Workers in a certified group will be notified by their state, at which time they may apply for individual eligibility for benefits and services.

Benefits and Services

If a worker is a member of a worker group certified by DOL, that worker may be eligible to receive the following benefits and services **(Please note, there are four sets of law that relates to individuals depending on the specific petition number that is assigned by DOL)** You can visit your local career center to find out more information):

Employment and Case Management Services:	Skill assessments, career counseling, supportive services, information on training, and more
Training:	Allowable types of training include: classroom training, on the-job training, customized training designed to meet the needs of a specific employer or group of employers, apprenticeship programs, post secondary education, or remedial education, which may include GED preparation, literacy training, basic math, or English as a Second Language. The cost of training is paid to the training provider by the State with TAA Program funds
Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA):	Participants may receive additional weeks of income support if they are enrolled in training within specific deadlines depending on the law they are subject to
Reemployment/ Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA/ATAA):	A wage subsidy available to workers age 50 or over who are reemployed at annual wages less than what they were making at the TAA certified employer *Restrictions apply*
Job Search Allowance:	Reimbursement for job search costs outside the worker's local area
Relocation Allowance:	Reimbursement for relocation costs for a job outside the worker's local area