



# The Trade Program

The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (called TAA) helps individuals who become unemployed as a result of increased imports to return to suitable employment.

**Please note:** There are deadlines to benefits under the Trade Program. Reach out to staff at your local MassHire Career Center immediately if you think you may qualify. Your Local MassHire Career Center can assist you regarding eligibility and assistance with applying for any of the benefits under the Trade Program. Staff can also assist in determining which set of law requirements you may qualify.

PROGRAM BENEFITS	Benefits Under 2011/2015 Program	Benefits Under REVERSION 2021
<b>Training:</b> You may be approved to attend vocational and/or remedial education tailored to your specific needs. Tuition, books, school fees, tools and uniforms are paid according to State/Federal Trade Programs guidelines. <i>This training should then begin within 30 days of being approved.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One training per certification for your lifetime.</li> <li>- <u>Up to 130 weeks</u> of training available.</li> <li>- Full or part time training is available.</li> <li>- A combination of Remedial and Vocational training will count as your 1 training per certification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One training per certification for your lifetime.</li> <li>- <u>Up to 130 weeks</u> of training available.</li> <li>- Full or part time training is available.</li> <li>- A combination of Remedial and Vocational training will count as your 1 training per certification</li> </ul>
<b>Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA):</b> Income support available in the form of weekly cash payments if you are enrolled in training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 130 weeks of TRA (this includes UI) may be available if enrolled in full-time training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 130 weeks of TRA (this includes UI) available if enrolled in full-time or part-time training</li> </ul>
<b>Training Enrollment Deadlines:</b> To be eligible for ANY Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) cash benefits while in training you must be enrolled in a training program approved by the later of the two deadlines dates described:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You must be enrolled in training 26 weeks after the week of certification of the company or your individual layoff date (last physical day of work), whichever is later</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You must be enrolled in training 8 weeks after the week of certification of the company or 16 weeks after the week of your individual layoff date (last physical day of work) whichever is later</li> </ul>
<b>Job Search Allowances:</b> A cash allowance provided to you if you cannot find an available job within your commuting area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of allowable job search costs, up to a maximum of \$1,250</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of allowable job search costs, up to a maximum of \$1,250</li> </ul>
<b>Relocation Allowances:</b> A cash allowance provided you if you have to accept a job outside of your commuting area and relocate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of allowable relocation costs, plus an additional lump sum payment of up to \$1,250</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of allowable relocation costs, plus an additional lump sum payment of up to \$1,250</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance/Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance:</b> A wage supplement provided to eligible workers 50 years of age or over that supplements a portion of the wage difference between their new wage and their old wage from the TAA certified employment (up to a specified maximum amount and during a specified timeframe).	Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Available if you are earning less than \$50,000/Yr.</li> <li>- Maximum total income support up to \$10,000</li> <li>- Applications must be made within an eligibility period</li> <li>- Reemployed full-time or part-time employment in combination with approved training</li> </ul>	Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Available if you are earning less than \$50,000/Yr.</li> <li>- Maximum total ATAA benefit of \$10,000</li> <li>- You must be reemployed within 26 weeks of your separation</li> <li>- Reemployed in full time employment</li> </ul>