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# TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program provides benefits and support to workers who become unemployed, or who are threatened with job loss, due to the impact of international trade. This program provides adversely affected workers with opportunities to obtain the skills, credentials, resources, and support necessary to become re-employed.

## HOW CAN TAA BENEFIT YOU?

Tuition and related expenses for job training to gain in-demand skills. Includes higher education, such as degree and certificate programs, or remedial education, such as English as a Second Language (ESL). TAA also offers eligible participants income support payments, job search and job relocation allowances, and a wage supplement if you are 50 years of age or older.

## TRAINING OPTIONS

Various types of training for in-demand skills are available, such as:

- On-line / classroom training (full-time or part-time)
- On-the-job training / apprenticeship programs
- Customized training designed to meet the needs of a specific business or group of businesses

Once your individual entitlement to TAA has been established, your training program must be approved. There are six criteria that your training program must meet. Your TAA Case Manager will work with you to meet key deadlines and create an Individual Employment Plan (IEP) to help you succeed.

## TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES (TRA)

While you are in full-time training, you may potentially receive TRA (similar to Unemployment Insurance payments) for up to 130 instructional weeks.\* To be eligible for TRA, you must:

- Have a training program approved by the New York State (NYS) TAA Central Office
- Be 'enrolled' in a training program within 26 weeks after your layoff, or after your company is certified for TAA benefits by the United States Department of Labor, whichever is later; (For TAA purposes, you are considered 'enrolled' when you have an acceptance letter from your training provider, your training program has been approved by NYS TAA Central Office, and the start of your program is within 30 days)

\*An instructional week is any calendar week in which you attend training for one or more days. According to TAA federal regulations, your training cannot exceed 130 instructional weeks.

## JOB SEARCH ALLOWANCE

Eligible expenses from job searches outside the area can potentially be covered by TAA. A job search allowance may reimburse 90% of allowable costs, such as transportation, meals and lodging, up to a maximum of \$1,250.

## JOB RELOCATION ALLOWANCE

Some of the cost of moving to a new area for a new job may potentially be covered by TAA. This may include 90% of the allowable expenses involved in relocating you, your family, and your household goods. If suitable employment is found outside your normal commuting area, you may potentially receive an additional lump sum payment, up to a maximum of \$1,250.

If you are interested in upgrading your skills or learning more about TAA benefits, contact **518-485-1829** or email [TAA.WDTD@labor.ny.gov](mailto:TAA.WDTD@labor.ny.gov)