

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Benefit Information

RE-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Job referrals, job development, job search skills workshop, career counseling, testing and other supportive services are available at the local One-Stop Career Center.

TRAINING

Allowable types of training include:

- Classroom training
- On the Job Training (OJT)
- Post-secondary education
- Prerequisite education or coursework
- Remedial education
- Apprenticeships

To receive training paid for under this program, you must meet the following six criteria:

1. No suitable employment is available.
2. You would benefit from appropriate training.
3. There is a reasonable expectation of employment following completion of training.
4. Training is reasonably available.
5. You are qualified to undertake and complete such training.
6. Training is available at a reasonable cost.

Training may be approved on a full-time or part-time basis, although full-time training is required in order to meet TRA eligibility requirements. Individual Employability Plans must be developed prior to seeking approval for training.

TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE (TRA)

AGTrade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) is available to provide income support while you are participating in full-time training.

REEMPLOYMENT TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (RTAA)

These benefits are available if you are **age 50 or older** and you do not earn more than \$50,000 annually in your new employment. If you qualify, participation in RTAA allows you to receive a wage supplement when you accept new employment at a lower wage. RTAA payments may total **50% of the difference between your old and new wages**, with a **maximum of \$10,000** paid over a period of **up to two years**.

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE

The Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) will allow you to claim an end of the year tax credit on your Federal Income Tax return if you are enrolled in a qualified health plan and are responsible on paying your premiums or pay a percentage of your monthly premium directly to your health insurance provider.

JOB SEARCH ALLOWANCE

Job Search Allowance covers necessary expenses incurred while seeking employment outside your normal commuting area if employment in a suitable job where you are likely to remain employed and earn family-sustaining wages, is not available in your area.

RELOCATION ALLOWANCE

Relocation Allowance reimburses you for approved expenses when you must move to a new area to earn family-sustaining wages in employment outside of your normal commuting area.

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