



U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration

Assistance for Trade-Affected Workers

While the net benefits of foreign trade are enormous, some workers lose their jobs or see their wages reduced due to foreign trade. These workers may be eligible to receive job counseling, job-search assistance, out-of-area job-search and relocation allowances, and income support while enrolled in training under two Department of Labor programs: the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) or North America Free Trade Agreement Trade Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) programs. If the Department of Labor certifies that workers are eligible for assistance, funds are allocated to the States to operate these programs. While certification is pending, workers may receive services through the Dislocated Worker Program, which is available at One-Stop Centers across the country.

Workers who lose their jobs or whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports may petition the Department of Labor for assistance under the TAA program. Workers who believe they have been affected directly or indirectly by increased imports from, or shifts in production to, Mexico or Canada may petition under the NAFTA-TAA program. In addition, workers who lose their jobs as a secondary consequence of trade -- because their employers supplied, finished, or completed products for firms directly impacted by trade -- may petition using the "secondary firm" section of the NAFTA-TAA petition. Petitions also may be filed by employers, unions, community-based organizations, or others who represent a group of workers. Workers may petition, and be certified, under both trade programs.

Petitions should be addressed to: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room C-5311, Washington, D.C. 20210.

For further information, including contacts for State TAA and NAFTA-TAA coordinators, visit http://doleta.wdsc.org/trade_act/default.asp

You can access America's Workforce Network at <http://www.doleta.gov>, or by calling the Toll-Free Help Line at 1-877-US2-JOBS. (For TTY, call 1-877-TTY-JOBS.)



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Fact Sheets

The following is a list of Department of Labor-supported activities and services that are part of America's Workforce Network which may be of particular interest to workers, employers, and workforce development professionals. A fact sheet with specific information is available for each of the following areas:

- Accessing Services via Phone or Internet
- Adult Employment and Training Services
- America's Labor Market Information System
- America's Career Kit (Online Resources)
- America's Workforce Network
- Applying for ETA Grants
- Assistance for Trade-Impacted Workers
- Basic Information for Employers
- Basic Information for Workers and Job-Seekers
- Disability Employment and Training Services
- Dislocated Worker Program (Services for Laid-Off Workers)
- Foreign Labor Certification
- High-Tech Skills Training
- Job Corps
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Employment and Training Services
- Native American Employment and Training Services
- Older Workers Employment and Training Services
- One-Stop Employment and Training Services
- One-Stop Partners
- Registered Apprenticeship
- School-to-Work
- Tax Credit Programs
- Unemployment Insurance
- Welfare-to-Work
- Youth Opportunity (YO) Grants
- Youth Opportunity (YO) Movement

Available online at: <http://www.usworkforce.org/factsheets> or by calling (202) 693-3900. This Web address also provides links to other Federal partners under the Workforce Investment Act and other initiatives that provide additional services to enhance individual and community well-being.