

IMPORTANT ELIGIBILITY DEADLINES

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) programs have strict eligibility deadlines. Workers should pay close attention to the deadlines to avoid losing eligibility for benefits.

TAA AND ATAA GROUP ELIGIBILITY

The Trade Act of 1974, as amended, specifies that a certification of eligibility to apply for TAA will not apply to a worker separated more than one year before the date of the petition. Therefore, a Petition for TAA and ATAA must be filed within one year after a worker's separation in order for that worker to be eligible if the petition is certified.

TAA ONLY

ELIGIBILITY FOR INCOME SUPPORT WHILE IN TRAINING

Once a worker group has been certified as eligible to apply for TAA, each worker must apply for individual eligibility at a local One Stop Career Center (to find the one nearest you, please go to America's Service Locator at <http://www.servicelocator.org> or call 1-877-US-2JOBS).

To receive income support in the form of Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA), a worker must either be **enrolled** in training or receive a waiver of the training requirement within

- 8 weeks after certification; or
- 16 weeks after the most recent qualifying separation; or
- The enrollment deadline may be extended 45 days for extenuating circumstances.

Failure to meet the 8/16 week deadline permanently disqualifies a worker from receiving TRA. Therefore, it is imperative that workers report to their local One Stop Career Center well before the 8/16 deadline so that they have sufficient time to make an informed decision on training and complete the enrollment process before the deadline.

JOB SEARCH AND RELOCATION ALLOWANCE ELIGIBILITY

An application for a job search or relocation allowance must be submitted before the job search or relocation begins. Applications may be submitted prior to certification, but will only be approved if the worker group is certified.

An application for a job search allowance must be submitted before the 365th day after the layoff or certification, whichever is later, or 182 days after the conclusion of training.

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An application for a relocation allowance must be submitted before the 425th day after the layoff or certification, whichever is later, or 182 days after the conclusion of training.

ATAA ONLY

ATAA ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for ATAA benefits, a worker must become re-employed within 6 months (26 weeks) of their separation from trade-affected employment. This deadline runs from the date of separation in all cases, even if the worker was separated before the certification was issued.

