



Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers



After receiving a complete petition, the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance (OTAA) assigns the petition a five digit case number in the format of "TA-W-XX,XXX". If you don't already know your petition number, you may identify it by conducting a [search](#) using your company name. The petition number, with a few exceptions, corresponds with the law governing the TAA program at the time the TA-W number was assigned, and also indicates whether the benefits that may be available to you are those under the 2011 Law (Trade Act as amended by the TAA Extension Act), the 2009 Law (Trade Act as amended by the TGAAA), or the 2002 Law (Trade Act in effect before the TGAAA, and after February 12, 2011 and before October 21, 2011, when the TAA Extension Act went into effect).

Additionally, workers covered under certified petitions numbered TA-W-80,000 and above who are receiving TAA benefits and services have the option between December 20, 2011 and March 19, 2012 to choose to receive those benefits and services available under the new program established by the TAA Extension Act of 2011.

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<p>Group Eligibility: Defines the worker group that is eligible to apply for and potentially receive benefits through the TAA program</p>	<p>Manufacturing sector workers ONLY</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Workers who have lost their jobs because their company's decline in production and/or sales was due to increased imports or the outsourcing of jobs to a country with which the US has a Free Trade Agreement</p>	<p>Manufacturing sector workers</p> <p>Service sector workers</p> <p>Public sector workers</p> <p>ITC workers (those who work for a firm that has been identified by the International Trade Commission as in a domestic industry that has been injured/is a party to a market disruption)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Workers who have lost their jobs because their company's decline in production and/or sales was due to increased imports or outsourcing to ANY country</p>	<p>Manufacturing sector workers ONLY</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Workers who have lost their jobs because their company's decline in production and/or sales was due to increased imports or the outsourcing of jobs to a country with which the US has a Free Trade Agreement</p>		<p>Manufacturing sector workers</p> <p>Service sector workers</p> <p>ITC workers (those who work for a firm that has been identified by the International Trade Commission as in a domestic industry that has been injured/is a party to a market disruption)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Workers who have lost their jobs because their company's decline in production and/or sales was due to increased imports or outsourcing to ANY country</p>	<p>Manufacturing sector workers</p> <p>Service sector workers</p> <p>ITC workers (those who work for a firm that has been identified by the International Trade Commission as in a domestic industry that has been injured/is a party to a market disruption)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Workers who have lost their jobs because their company's decline in production and/or sales was due to increased imports or outsourcing to ANY country</p>

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<p>Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA): A wage subsidy available in the form of weekly cash payments to workers who are enrolled in a full-time training course.</p>	<p>Up to <i>104 weeks</i> of TRA available to workers enrolled in full-time training.</p> <p><i>OR</i></p> <p>Up to <i>130 weeks</i> of TRA available to workers enrolled in remedial training.</p> <p>52 Weeks Basic TRA 52 Weeks Additional TRA 26 Weeks Remedial TRA</p> <p>Must enroll in training within 8 weeks of certification or 16 weeks of layoff</p>	<p>Up to <i>130 weeks</i> of TRA available to workers enrolled in full-time training.</p> <p><i>OR</i></p> <p>Up to <i>156 weeks</i> of TRA available to workers enrolled in remedial or prerequisite training.</p> <p>52 Weeks Basic TRA 78 Weeks Additional TRA 26 Weeks Remedial TRA</p> <p>Must enroll in training within 26 weeks of either certification or layoff</p>	<p>Up to <i>104 weeks</i> of TRA available to workers enrolled in full-time training.</p> <p><i>OR</i></p> <p>Up to <i>130 weeks</i> of TRA available to workers enrolled in remedial training.</p> <p>52 Weeks Basic TRA 52 Weeks Additional TRA 26 Weeks Remedial TRA</p> <p>Must enroll in training within 8 weeks of certification or 16 weeks of layoff</p>	<p>Up to <i>130 weeks</i> of TRA available to workers enrolled in full-time training, the last 13 of which are only available if needed for completion of a training program and training benchmarks are met.</p> <p>52 Weeks Basic TRA 65 Weeks Additional TRA 13 Weeks Completion TRA</p> <p>Must enroll in training within 26 weeks of either certification or layoff</p>	<p>Up to <i>130 weeks</i> of TRA available to workers enrolled in full-time training, the last 13 of which are only available if needed for completion of a training program and training benchmarks are met.</p> <p>52 Weeks Basic TRA 65 Weeks Additional TRA 13 Weeks Completion TRA</p> <p>Must enroll in training within 26 weeks of either certification or layoff</p>
<p>Training Waivers Basic TRA is payable if an individual participates in TAA training OR is under a waiver of the requirement to participate in training. Training may be determined not feasible or appropriate and waived as a requirement for basic TRA eligibility for the following reasons:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The worker will be recalled to work reasonably soon The worker has marketable skills for suitable employment and a reasonable expectation of employment in the foreseeable future The worker is within two years of eligibility for a pension or social security The worker is unable to participate in or complete training due to a health condition No training program is available An enrollment date is not immediately available 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The worker will be recalled to work reasonably soon The worker has marketable skills for suitable employment and a reasonable expectation of employment in the foreseeable future The worker is within two years of eligibility for a pension or social security The worker is unable to participate in or complete training due to a health condition No training program is available An enrollment date is not immediately available 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The worker will be recalled to work reasonably soon The worker has marketable skills for suitable employment and a reasonable expectation of employment in the foreseeable future The worker is within two years of eligibility for a pension or social security The worker is unable to participate in or complete training due to a health condition No training program is available An enrollment date is not immediately available 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The worker is unable to participate in or complete training due to a health condition No training program is available An enrollment date is not immediately available 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The worker is unable to participate in or complete training due to a health condition No training program is available An enrollment date is not immediately available

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<p>Training Funding: Annual funding cap for training funding that goes to the states each year.</p> <p>Case Management Funding: Funds that are provided to states for case management and employment services.</p>	<p>\$220 Million Cap Applies to Training Funds Only</p> <p>-----</p> <p>An additional 15% above the amount provided for training is available for administration. Additional funds are available for job search and relocation allowances. No funds are available for case management and employment services.</p>	<p>\$575 Million Cap Applies to Training Funds Only</p> <p>-----</p> <p>An additional 15% above the amount provided for training is available for administration, and case management and employment services. At least 1/3 of these funds must be used for case management and employment services. States also receive \$350,000/year for case management and employment services. Additional funds are available for job search and relocation allowances.</p>	<p>\$220 Million Cap Applies to Training Funds Only</p> <p>-----</p> <p>An additional 15% above the amount provided for training is available for administration. Additional funds are available for job search and relocation allowances. No funds are available for case management and employment services.</p>	<p>\$575 Million</p> <p>Cap Applies to training, job search and relocation allowances, case management and employment services, and associated administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 10% of the amount provided may be spent for administration; No less than 5% or the amount provided may be spent for case management and employment services. DOL may recapture from the states funds remaining unobligated after two or three years and distribute such funds to states in need of funds. 	<p>\$575 Million</p> <p>Cap Applies to training, job search and relocation allowances, case management and employment services, and associated administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 10% of the amount provided may be spent for administration; No less than 5% or the amount provided may be spent for case management and employment services. DOL may recapture from the states funds remaining unobligated after two or three years and distribute such funds to states in need of funds.
<p>Job Search Allowances: A cash allowance provided to workers who cannot find an available job within the commuting area (e.g. 50 miles). Used to cover transportation costs, etc.</p> <p>Relocation Allowances: A cash allowance provided to workers who have to accept a job outside of their commuting area and relocate</p>	<p>90% of allowable job search costs, up to a maximum of \$1,250</p> <p>-----</p> <p>90% of allowable relocation costs, plus an additional lump sum payment of up to \$1,250</p>	<p>100% of allowable job search costs, up to a maximum of \$1,500</p> <p>-----</p> <p>100% of allowable relocation costs, plus an additional lump sum payment of up to \$1,500</p>	<p>90% of allowable job search costs, up to a maximum of \$1,250</p> <p>-----</p> <p>90% of allowable relocation costs, plus an additional lump sum payment of up to \$1,250</p>	<p>Up to 90% of allowable job search costs, up to a maximum of \$1,250, available at state discretion</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Up to 90% of allowable relocation costs, plus an additional lump sum payment of up to \$1,250, available at state discretion</p>	<p>Up to 90% of allowable job search costs, up to a maximum of \$1,250, available at state discretion</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Up to 90% of allowable relocation costs, plus an additional lump sum payment of up to \$1,250, available at state discretion</p>
<p>Health Coverage Tax Credit: A tax credit offered to TAA participants to help pay for the health insurance premiums of the worker and their family</p>	72.5% of qualifying health insurance premium costs	72.5% of qualifying health insurance premium costs	72.5% of qualifying health insurance premium costs	72.5% of qualifying health insurance premium costs	72.5% of qualifying health insurance premium costs

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance/Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance</u></p> <p>A wage subsidy provided to eligible workers over the age of 50 that subsidizes a portion of the wage difference between their new wage and their old wage (up to a specified maximum amount)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance</u></p> <p>Requires a separate group certification</p> <p>Available to workers earning less than an annual salary of \$50,000</p> <p>Maximum total benefit of up to \$10,000</p> <p>Training benefit NOT available</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance</u></p> <p>Does not require a separate group certification</p> <p>Available to workers earning less than an annual salary of \$55,000</p> <p>Maximum total benefit of up to \$12,000</p> <p>Training benefit is also available</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance</u></p> <p>Requires a separate group certification</p> <p>Available to workers earning less than an annual salary of \$50,000</p> <p>Maximum total benefit of up to \$10,000</p> <p>Training benefit NOT available</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance</u></p> <p>Does not require a separate group certification</p> <p>Available to workers earning less than an annual salary of \$50,000</p> <p>Maximum total benefit of up to \$10,000</p> <p>Training benefit is also available</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance</u></p> <p>Does not require a separate group certification</p> <p>Available to workers earning less than an annual salary of \$50,000</p> <p>Maximum total benefit of up to \$10,000</p> <p>Training benefit is also available</p>