



TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (TAA) AT A GLANCE

If you are or will be totally or partially unemployed due to foreign competition and you are part of a worker group certified by the U.S. Department of Labor, you may benefit from Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). A Connecticut Department of Labor career development specialist will work with you to analyze your present skills and compare them to current labor market needs. You may have marketable skills and simply need to create or update your résumé or enhance your interviewing and job-seeking techniques. Or, you may need retraining to update your skills and credentials to compete with other job seekers.

Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA)

Provides additional weeks of income support while you attend TAA-approved full-time training or, if waived from training, while conducting your work search.

Job Search Allowances

Offers financial assistance with your job search expenses if there are few suitable jobs in your labor market and you need to seek work outside your commuting area.

Training Opportunities

If you need training to return to suitable employment, TAA will help you train for an occupation in demand, paying the costs of tuition, books, fees and required training-related materials. TAA may approve remedial education such as literacy training and English as a Second Language, occupational skills programs of vocational or college-level instruction, and training on-the-job. Training must be available at reasonable cost to TAA, generally defined as **\$25,300** or less. The number of weeks of TAA training available may depend on the type of training you are approved and the TAA certification number your Trade impacted employer received.

Relocation Allowances

Provides financial assistance with your moving expenses if you must relocate to accept employment outside your commuting area.

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 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, whichever comes first. *Workers may qualify for RTAA when working part-time, employed at least 20 hours a week and participating in a TAA-approved training program full time.*

Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)

Provides a refundable tax credit to offset a portion of qualified health insurance premiums.

****Most benefits have *deadlines* and specific qualifying requirements. To best protect your potential eligibility, it is crucial that you complete an application form (TAA-855), as soon as possible after layoff and attend a **Benefits Right Interview** session. The application is available at: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/TradeAct/forms.htm>**