



Former Phelps Dodge Industries Employees Eligible to Apply for Trade Act Benefits

WETHERSFIELD – The Connecticut Department of Labor certified former employees of Phelps Dodge Industries as eligible to apply for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance. The Norwich facility employees who supported copper rod production were certified on August 23, 2020.

All affected employees will receive an eligibility notice by mail that explains how to apply for benefits. Employees eligible to apply for federal benefits are those who are or will be totally or partially separated from employment due to lack of work on or after July 21, 2019 and on or before August 23, 2022.

Available assistance may include training; income support in the form of Trade Readjustment Allowances; and job search and relocation allowances for qualified workers who seek or obtain employment outside their normal commuting areas. Individuals 50 years of age and older can return to lower-paying work may be eligible to receive Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance wage subsidies. The agency's American Job Centers are currently closed due to COVI-19, but individuals with questions regarding the TAA certification can speak with a Connecticut Department of Labor representative by telephone.

Individuals having questions about the certification or the Trade Act can go the Department of Labor's Trade Act web page at <https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/TradeAct/>

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