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## Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Fact Sheet

- **Training:** Eligible individuals can receive up to 130 weeks of training. Training consists of one occupational skills training which may include a group of courses related to a specific occupational goal. Training may be in the form of classroom training, on-line (long distance learning) classes, On-the-Job training, or apprenticeship training and must be approved in advance by WORKFORCE West Virginia's State TAA Unit.
- **Travel Allowance:** Eligible individuals may receive supplemental assistance (mileage reimbursement) to assist with travel costs while attending training.
- **Subsistence Allowance:** Eligible individuals may receive a subsistence allowance (travel, food, and lodging) while attending training outside the established commuting distance. This will be calculated at 50% of the eligible TAA participant per diem rate ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov).)
- **Supply Allowance:** Eligible individuals can receive a reimbursement per semester/quarter/session/up to \$150.00 for purchases of training supplies (notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, etc.)
- **TRA Benefits:** May be eligible to receive up to 130 weeks of Income Support payments. Trade Readjustment Assistance (TRA) is administered by WORKFORCE West Virginia's Unemployment Insurance Division.
- **Health Care Tax Credit (HCTC):** A program that is administered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) assisting eligible individuals by paying 72.5% of their health care premium, or provides eligible individuals with a tax credit of 72.5% of the health care premium cost when filing their federal tax return. All eligibility determinations are made by the IRS.
- **Job Search Allowance:** Eligible individuals may be reimbursed up to 90% of travel, meals, and lodging expenses (up to a maximum of \$1,250) while attending prearranged interviews beyond their normal commuting area. All requests for job search allowances must be approved in advance by WORKFORCE West Virginia's State TAA Unit.
- **Relocation Allowance:** Upon accepting a job offer, eligible individuals may be reimbursed up to 90% of reasonable and necessary expenses for moving their household to a new location outside their normal commuting area. In addition, a lump sum check equal to three (3) times their last weekly wage (up to a maximum of \$1,250) may be paid to help with additional expenses. All requests for relocation allowances must be approved in advance by WORKFORCE West Virginia's State TAA Unit.
- **Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA):** A wage subsidy program offered for older workers (minimum of 50 years at time of hire) who want to return to the workforce as soon as possible. The wage subsidy may not exceed \$10,000 or two years, whichever occurs first.

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