

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 27, 2022

TO: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors

FROM: Keantha B. Moore, Interim Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support *Keantha B. Moore*

SUBJECT: Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Operations Effective July 1, 2022

This memorandum provides guidance to Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) regarding continued administration of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program after June 30, 2022, as detailed in [Training and Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) 13-21](#). TEGL 13-21 notifies State Workforce Agencies that the authorization of appropriations for the TAA program expires on June 30, 2022. Absent congressional action prior to July 1, 2022, to reauthorize or continue the TAA program, program termination provisions will become effective on July 1, 2022.

The program's expiration provisions require that the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) no longer certify Trade Act petitions. Only petitions that are filed *and certified* on or before June 30, 2022, may allow a worker to be eligible for TAA after June 30, 2022.

States are required to continue serving trade-affected workers from worker groups certified on or before June 30, 2022, subject to the conditions outlined below. "Training and Other Activities" funds issued in fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022 remain available for expenditure under the terms and conditions of their awards and subject to the regulations of the TAA program under which an individual worker is certified, as well as operating instructions listed in section 4 of TEGL 13-21.

To be entitled to TAA benefits and services on and after July 1, 2022, a worker must:

- Be covered by a petition filed and determined to be certified on or before June 30, 2022;
- Be an "adversely affected worker" as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 20 CFR 618.110, who, because of lack of work in adversely affected employment, has been totally or partially separated from such employment on or before June 30, 2022; **and**
- Meet or continue to meet the individual eligibility requirements in accordance with relevant operating instructions and regulations at 20 CFR 618, including any applicable deadlines.

Workers who were included in groups certified by USDOL as eligible to have TAA benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 and met the criteria for an adversely affected incumbent worker in accordance with 20 CFR 618.110, and whose threat of separation date is on or before June 30, 2022, may continue to receive benefits and services after July 1, 2022.

The State Trade Program office will issue an individual determination on eligibility after June 30, 2022, but the worker's separation or threat of separation must be on or before June 30, 2022.

In accordance with Section 246(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, workers who have met all other eligibility requirements for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) or Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA) benefits by June 30, 2022, but who have not yet been issued a determination approving a benefits application to receive at least one ATAA or RTAA benefit payment by June 30, 2022, will not be eligible to receive any payments. The State Trade Program office will not approve applications for ATAA or RTAA on or after July 1, 2022, for such workers. Workers who have already begun receiving ATAA or RTAA payments as of June 30, 2022, may continue to receive payments after that date.

There are no changes to the TAA reporting requirements after July 1, 2022. Local TAA Coordinators must continue to report all services and activities in Employ Florida under the TAA and Wagner-Peyser program applications, as applicable, and report all TAA-approved program expenditures upon accrual.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Omran, State Trade and Rapid Response Program Coordinator, at TAA@DEO.MyFlorida.com.

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