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HELP FOR TRADE-AFFECTED OLDER WORKERS IN NEW CAREERS

Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA) allows older Trade Adjustment Assistance eligible workers to get payments that help bridge the salary gap between your old and new employment. You may qualify for RTAA if:

- You are 50 years old
- You lost a job due to foreign competition, or your job has gone overseas
- You found a new job but had to go back to an entry level (or close) salary
- You are earning less than \$50,000 annually
- You can use up to \$10,000 in added income over the next two years
- You would like to get back some of what you spend on health insurance premiums

This wage supplement is for workers determined eligible by the New York State Department of Labor for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program. To be eligible you must be working full-time earning no more than \$50,000 annually in gross wages (excluding overtime pay). You may qualify for up to \$10,000 over the period of two years.

To get started, bring your Determination of Entitlement to Trade Adjustment Assistance (Form TA722) to your local New York State Career Center. The New York State Department of Labor must have determined that you are eligible for TAA to take part.

If you don't have a Determination form from the New York State Department of Labor and you suspect your job was lost due to international trade, please see your New York State Career Center Career Advisor. A Career Advisor can file a petition on your behalf.

OTHER FACTS ABOUT RTAA

- You may enter the RTAA program after completing an On-the-Job Training (OJT) program or Classroom-Based Training program
- While RTAA requires full-time employment, we can make an exception if you are enrolled in TAA approved training (at least 20 hours a week)
- If you opt to take part in the RTAA program without taking training, you remain eligible for future TAA approved training
- You are eligible for Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). HCTC is a tax credit for TAA participants, to help pay health insurance premiums for you and your family; eligible participants can get a tax credit of 72.5 percent of qualifying health insurance premium costs
- If you have more than one employer, we include the wages from all jobs in the calculation to determine whether you can expect to reach the \$50,000 annual limit for reemployment wages
- We may consider jobs that began prior to your separation (from adversely affected employment) as qualifying for RTAA

For more information on benefits, visit www.doleta.gov/tradeact/