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TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAA)

JOB SEARCH ALLOWANCE

If you have a verifiable job interview or plans to look for a job outside your commuting area,* you may be eligible for Job Search Allowances. You must apply in advance. If approved, you may be reimbursed 90% of the cost of food, lodging and travel expenses (based on one-half the federal per diem rate or the actual cost, whichever is less). You may be reimbursed for more than one job search; however, the total amount cannot exceed \$1,250. Your local TAA Case Manager will review your job search request upon receipt of your application.

BENEFITS

- Reimburses 90% of allowable costs, such as transportation, lodging and meals, in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR)
- Reimbursement for the cost of lodging and meals cannot exceed the lesser of:
 - The actual cost for lodging and meals while engaged in the job search **OR**
 - Fifty percent (50%) of the prevailing per diem allowance under the FTR
- Up to a maximum benefit allowance of \$1,250

**Commuting area is travel up to 30 miles from your primary residence, one way, by personal vehicle. If you rely almost exclusively on public transportation, the commuting area is defined as travel up to one hour, one way, by public transportation.*

***Suitable Employment is work of a substantially equal or higher skill level than your past trade-affected employment, and wages not less than 80% of your average weekly wage.*

JOB SEARCH ALLOWANCE DEADLINE

An application must be filed by the 365th day after the trade-affected company was certified by USDOL, **OR** the 365th day after your separation date, whichever is later, **OR** by the 182nd day after you have completed Trade Act-approved training.

Please contact one of our Career Centers to apply for these benefits. To locate a Career Center, visit: dol.ny.gov/career-centers and use the Filter By Location tool.

TAA JOB SEARCH ALLOWANCES CAN BE APPROVED FOR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Travel expenses to attend job fairs and interviews
- Travel expenses to attend prevocational workshops
- Making an in-person visit with a potential employer who may reasonably be expected to have openings for suitable employment**
- Completing a job application in person with a potential employer who may reasonably be expected to have openings for suitable employment**
- Going to a local Career Center, copy shop, post office, or similar entity to print, copy, mail, email, or fax a job application, cover letter, and/or a resume
- Going to a local Career Center, public library, community center, or similar entity to use online job matching systems, search for job matches, request referrals, submit applications/resumes, attend workshops, and/or apply for jobs
- Travel expenses to attend a professional association meeting for networking purposes

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JOB RELOCATION ALLOWANCE

If you have a bona fide offer of suitable employment* in another area, you may be eligible for Job Relocation Allowances. You must apply in advance. If approved, you may be reimbursed for 90% of the cost of your reasonable and necessary moving expenses. This includes expenses related to moving you, your immediate family, and your household goods. This amount will be reduced if you are entitled to reimbursement from other sources. A lump-sum payment equal to three times the average weekly wage received at your trade-affected employer (not to exceed \$1,250) is available to help with additional moving costs. Your TAA Case Manager will review your relocation allowance request upon receipt of your application.

BENEFITS

- Reimburses 90% of allowable relocation costs for you and your family
- Reimburses 90% of lodging and meals for you and your family while you travel to your new location
- An additional lump-sum payment of up to \$1,250

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JOB RELOCATION ALLOWANCE DEADLINE

An application must be filed by the 425th day after the trade-affected company was certified by USDOL, **OR** the 425th day after your separation date, whichever is later, **OR** by the 182nd day after you have completed Trade Act-approved training.

Please contact one of our Career Centers to apply for these benefits. To locate a Career Center, visit: dol.ny.gov/career-centers and use the Filter By Location tool.

TAA JOB RELOCATION ALLOWANCES CAN BE APPROVED WHEN:

- You have no reasonable expectation of securing suitable employment* within your existing commuting area**
- You are relocating outside your commuting area,** but within the United States
- You have provided written verification of suitable employment,* obtained from your new employer