

Workforce Services

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program

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OVERVIEW

Under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, eligible trade-affected workers who are covered under a certified petition may qualify for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) in cases where the firm has laid off workers, where hours have been reduced, or the workers have received a job layoff threat due to foreign competition. Several amendments have been approved since the original Trade Act:

- Trade Act of 2002 - Manufacturing sector workers only
- Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act (TGAAA) of 2009 - Manufacturing and Service sector workers
- Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act (TAAEA) of 2011 - Manufacturing, Service, and Public sector workers
- Reversion 2014 - Manufacturing sector workers only
- Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act (TAARA) of 2015 - Manufacturing and Service sector workers

WHO MAY FILE A PETITION?

A petition may be filed by a group of three or more workers, a company official, a CareerSource Florida Center Operator/Partner, a State Workforce Official or a union or other duly authorized representative. The workers on whose behalf a petition is filed must be or have been employed at the firm or subdivision identified in the petition. Petitioners have the option to file a paper petition or submit an electronic filing. When the petition is filed with the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance (OTAA), it will be transmitted simultaneously to OTAA and the relevant State Workforce Agency contact (State Trade Program Coordinator).

For assistance with preparing the petition, a petitioner may contact the OTAA in Washington DC at (202) 693-3560, their local career center, which may be located by calling 1-877-US2-JOBS, (TTY) 1-877-889-5627, or by visiting the America's Service Locator website at <http://www.servicelocator.org>. Once the petition is completed, it must be signed and dated by the petitioner.



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For additional information call: 1-866-352-2345

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A group of workers may be eligible for TAA if their jobs are lost or threatened due to trade-related circumstances as determined by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL). These circumstances may include workers in firms that:

- Produce articles or supply services based on an increase in imports of articles or services;
- Have shifted production to any foreign country;
- Produce component parts or supply services where there are increased imports of the finished article;
- Are downstream producers or supply testing, packaging, maintenance, and transportation services to companies with TAA-certified workers; or
- Have been identified in specific types of International Trade Commission affirmative “injury” or “market disruption” determinations.

SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE WORKERS

TAA services to eligible trade-affected workers may include: Training, Trade Readjustment Allowances, Job Search Allowances, Relocation Allowances, Wage Supplements for workers age 50 and older, and Health Coverage Tax Credit. In addition, eligible individuals may receive the full range of employment services such as career counseling, testing, job referral, labor market information, and supportive services from other partner programs.

Additional program information may be found at <http://www.floridajobs.org/office-directory/division-of-workforce-services/workforce-programs/trade-program>.