# ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS

One-Stop Career Centers are “full service” career centers. You can learn about employment opportunities, training opportunities, and all of the other assistance available to help you get back to work.

Maintain contact with your local One-Stop Career Center to ensure proper understanding of the rules, meet deadlines, and receive benefits and services under the expanded TAA program.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

*For a copy of a petition and further information, please contact:*

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202-693-3560

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202-693-3584 or
202-693-3585

**WEB:**
http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact

To find the One-Stop Career Center nearest you, call:
1-877-US2-JOBS,
1-877-889-5627 (TTY),
or visit:
http://www.servicelocator.org

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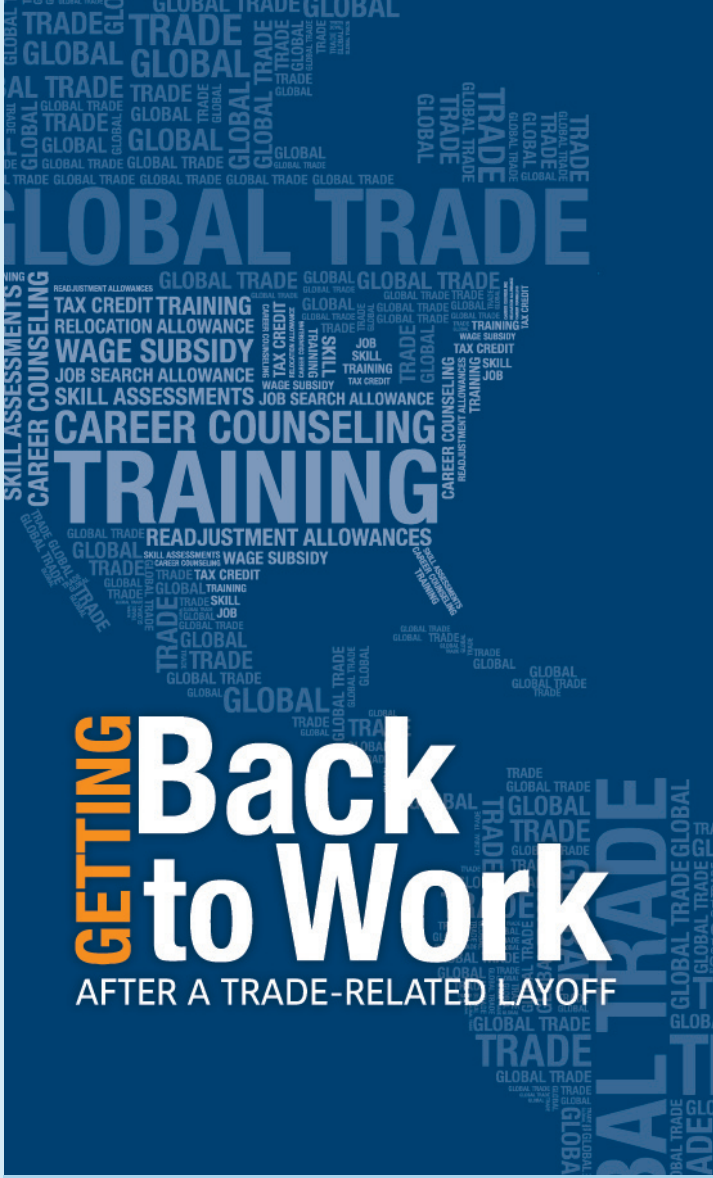


# GETTING Back to Work

## AFTER A TRADE-RELATED LAYOFF

*Trade Adjustment Assistance as expanded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*

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# PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program was created to provide benefits and support to workers who become unemployed due to the impact of international trade. The TAA program seeks to provide U.S. workers who are adversely affected by trade with the opportunity to obtain the skills, resources, and support they need to become reemployed. An adverse effect includes a job loss or threat of job loss.

The first step to receiving TAA benefits and services is to submit a petition to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Petitions may be submitted by:

- Three or more workers in the same firm or subdivision;
- The workers' employer;
- A union official or other duly authorized representative of such workers; or
- One-Stop operators or partners (including state workforce agencies and dislocated worker units).

A petition identifies a worker group at a specific firm or subdivision and covers all individuals in that group. Generally, if a worker is laid off, a petition must be submitted within one year of the layoff for that worker to be covered by the petition.

# GROUP ELIGIBILITY

Upon receiving a petition, DOL immediately begins an investigation to determine whether the circumstances of the layoff meet the group eligibility criteria established by the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. The Department may contact customers and suppliers of the company, and others, in order to determine whether the criteria below are met.

You may be eligible for TAA if your job is lost or threatened due to trade-related circumstances such as:

- Increased imports of either articles or services;
- A shift in production to or an acquisition of services or articles from any foreign country by your company;
- An acquisition of services from any foreign country by your public agency employer;
- Your employer's loss of business from a customer with TAA-certified workers; or
- Your employer is identified as trade-injured by the International Trade Commission.

After investigating the petition, DOL certifies or denies group eligibility to apply for TAA. Workers in a certified group then apply individually for benefits and services through their local One-Stop Career Center.

# BENEFITS AND SERVICES

If you are a member of a worker group certified by DOL and are determined to be individually eligible by your state, you may be eligible to receive the following benefits and services:

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| **Employment and Case Management Services:** | Skill assessments, career counseling, supportive services, information on training, and more. |
| **Training:** | Up to 156 weeks of full-time or part-time training. |
| **Trade Readjustment Allowances:** | Up to 156 weeks of cash payments for workers enrolled in full-time training within 26 weeks of their trade-related layoff or certification, whichever is later. |
| **Health Coverage Tax Credit:** | A tax credit covering 80% of the worker's monthly premium for qualified health insurance. |
| **Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance:** | A wage subsidy for up to 2 years that is available to workers age 50 or over who get reemployed at a reduced salary. |
| **Job Search Allowance:** | For costs of a job search outside your local area. |
| **Relocation Allowance:** | For costs of relocating to a job outside your local area. |