

TRADE ACT ASSISTANCE

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Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) is a federal program administered by the Idaho Department of Labor that assists U.S. workers who have lost or may lose their jobs due to imports or exports of foreign trade. The program provides adversely affected workers with opportunities to obtain the skills, credentials, resources and support necessary to become reemployed.

Identifying trade-related reasons for job impacts

- Is your company or employer doing business in other countries?
- Do they compete with products or services originating from other countries?
- Has the company recently been sold or purchased by another company that does the same or similar type of work?
- Have there been a significant number of layoffs throughout your company or one of its divisions?
- Have you or your coworkers trained replacement workers based in other countries?

If any of the above conditions pertain to company job losses, workers may qualify for Trade Act benefits and services.

Trade Adjustment Assistance petitions

Workers must be approved under a federal Trade Adjustment Assistance petition to receive services and benefits.

Petitions are submitted on the U.S. Department of Labor website dol.gov/agencies/eta/tradeact or by mail. The U.S. Department of Labor Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance conducts an investigation resulting in approval (certification) or denial of the petition application. Approved petitions carry an impact date and generally are valid for two years from the certification date. Denied petitions may be appealed in writing through the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance. All petition determinations are posted on the U.S. Department of Labor TAA website and published in the Federal Register.

On July 1, 2022, the TAA program began termination. Workers who were certified as eligible for TAA and separated from their job on or before June 30, 2022, may still be eligible for benefits and services.

For more information, contact your local Idaho Department of Labor office at labor.idaho.gov/officedirectory or contact:

Idaho Department of Labor • TAA Coordinator
317 W. Main St. Boise, ID 83735-0780
Phone: (208) 332-3570 • Fax: (208) 947-0049

Access job listings 24 hours a day, seven days a week on the Idaho Department of Labor's job search website:

idahoworks.gov

Other helpful links:

Idaho state government jobs
statecareers.idaho.gov

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usajobs.gov

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Start your job search at:
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Services and benefits

- **Reemployment service**
The Idaho Department of Labor assists workers in finding a new job. Reemployment services include job referrals, job search assistance, resume writing, interview skills workshops and employment counseling.
- **Training**
The Idaho Department of Labor connects workers with training services at no cost. Allowable types of training include classroom training, on-the-job training, customized training designed to meet the needs of a specific employer, apprenticeship programs, postsecondary education, remedial education (may include GED preparation), literacy training, basic math or English as a second language. When the training facility is outside the commuting area, some transportation costs may be paid. Additional eligibility criterion must be met to receive training paid by the TAA program.
- **Job search allowance**
Job search allowance reimburses workers for authorized expenses incurred while seeking employment outside the commuting area. Job search allowance may reimburse up to 90% of the cumulative authorized travel and subsistence costs not to exceed a total of \$1,250. An application for job search allowance must meet filing deadlines and be submitted before the job search begins.
- **Relocation allowance**
Relocation allowance reimburses workers for authorized expenses to move outside the commuting area for employment. Relocation allowances may reimburse up to 90% of the reasonable and necessary costs to move the worker, family and household goods to a new area. In addition, workers may receive a lump sum payment equal to three times their former average weekly wage up to \$1,250 maximum. An application for relocation allowance must meet filing deadlines and be submitted before the relocation begins.

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