

TAA/TRA Approved Training Benefit Rights Information

The same basic rules of eligibility for state benefits apply with some additional or new requirements for these federal benefits.

There are Deadlines to Apply for or Enter Approved Training

You must be enrolled in TAA Approved Training; have completed a TAA approved or approvable training program or have received written certification waiving training requirements to be eligible for Trade Readjustment Assistance (TRA). Your eligibility period for basic TRA benefits is the 52 week period beginning with the first week following the week you separated from the Trade Impacted business. You must exhaust all state unemployment benefits before receiving TRA benefits. The maximum amount of benefits you may receive during this period is 52 times your UI weekly amount minus state benefits you were entitled to receive. You may be eligible for up to 65 additional weeks providing you are still in TAA approved training when your basic TRA exhausts.

You Must Maintain Satisfactory Progress/Attendance and May Not be Paid for Breaks

If you are in TAA Approved Training, you will not be paid for scheduled school breaks of more than thirty (30) days. You must provide the Commission with the dates of the scheduled school breaks. In addition, you are required to maintain satisfactory attendance and progress in your training. Your attendance and progress may be audited. If you are selected for audit you must obtain a copy of the OES-752 Attendance and Progress in Training form from our website at www.ok.gov/oesc_web/documents/oes752.pdf . This form must be completed by your instructor and must be available for the audit.

You Must Advise the Commission of Changes in School Status

If there is a change in your school status, you must advise the Commission of the change immediately. This includes completion of training, withdrawal from training or the dropping of courses.

You Must Make Work Search If Training is Waived or Completed

You will be required to make employment contacts each week if your training has been waived or you have completed the training. You must keep the work search records for three years since your claim will be subject to Federal audit. You can access the work search forms online at www.ok.gov/oesc_web/documents/oes-622.doc

There are Time Requirements for Enrolling in TAA Training

If you are laid off from a company that was trade certified on or after January 1, 2014, in order to receive TRA weekly benefits you must be enrolled in a TAA approved training course within 16 weeks from your layoff date or within 8 weeks from when the company was certified or have completed a TAA approved training course or have training requirements waived for a federal accepted reason. If your company was certified December 31, 2013 or earlier, you must be enrolled in TAA approved training within 26 weeks of layoff or certification in order to receive TRA weekly benefits.

You May be Eligible for a Job Search Allowance

You may be eligible for job search allowance to cover expenses incurred in seeking employment outside your normal commuting area. You must apply in writing for this assistance before your trip begins. You must apply within 365 days of your separation or the petition date, whichever is later, or within 182 days of the completion of your training to be eligible for this benefit.

You May be Eligible for a Relocation Allowance

Financial assistance to help you relocate your family and household goods is available. After receiving bona fide employment within the United States, you must make a written application for this benefit before relocating. The application must be made within 425 days after the date of your qualifying separation or the petition certification date, whichever is later, or 182 days after the completion of your approved training.

There are Penalties for Fraud

Each time you claim a week of benefits, you are certifying that your answers are true and complete. Claiming benefits for someone other than yourself, failure to report information or reporting false information to receive benefits is deemed to be fraud against the State of Oklahoma. Fraud could result in a denial of benefits, an overpayment and possibly incarceration.

TRA Claims have same Basic Rules as Regular Claims

You are filing a Federal Trade Readjustment Assistance (TRA) claim. You were previously filing for State Unemployment Benefits. The same basic rules of eligibility apply with some additional or new requirements for these Federal Benefits.

Federal law states that in order to receive Trade Readjustment Assistance (TRA), an adversely affected worker must be enrolled in a TAA approved training program. Dates of enrollment are based on Petition number and certification.

You Must Provide True and Correct Answers to Questions

You will be required to certify that the answers you have given to all questions are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and that no information has been intentionally withheld or misrepresented in an attempt to obtain benefits to which you are not entitled.