

Help for Trade-Affected Older Workers in New Careers

- Are you 50 years old or older?
- Have you lost a job due to foreign competition, or has your job gone overseas?
- Have you found a new job but had to go back to an entry level (or close) salary?
- Are you earning less than \$50,000 annually?
- Can you use up to \$10,000 or \$12,000* in added income over the next two years?
- Would you like to get back some of what you spend on health insurance premiums?

You may qualify for Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA). RTAA allows older Trade Adjustment Assistance eligible workers to get payments that help bridge the salary gap between your old and new employment.

This wage supplement is for workers:

- 50 years of age or older
- **Determined eligible by the NYS Department of Labor** for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program
- Working full-time earning no more than \$50,000 or \$55,000* annually in gross wages (excluding overtime pay)

You may qualify for \$10,000 - \$12,000* over the period of 2 years.

To get started, bring your *Determination of Entitlement to Trade Adjustment Assistance* (Form TA722) to your local NYS Career Center. The NYS Department of Labor must have determined that you are eligible for TAA to take part.

If you don't have a Determination form from the NYS Department of Labor and you suspect your job was lost due to international trade, please see your NYS Career Center Career Advisor. A Career Advisor can file a petition on your behalf.

Other Facts About RTAA

- You may enter the RTAA program after completing an On-the-Job Training (OJT) program or Classroom-Based Training program.
- While RTAA requires full-time employment, we can make an exception if you are enrolled in TAA approved training (at least 20 hours a week).
- If you opt to take part in the RTAA program without taking training, you remain eligible for future TAA approved training.
- You are eligible for Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). HCTC is a tax credit for TAA participants, to help pay health insurance premiums for you and your family. Eligible participants can get a tax credit of 72.5 percent of qualifying health insurance premium costs.
- If you have more than one employer, we include the wages from all jobs in the calculation to determine whether you can expect to reach the \$50,000/\$55,000* annual limit for reemployment wages.
- We may consider jobs that began prior to your separation (from adversely affected employment) as qualifying for RTAA.

For more information on benefits, visit <https://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/>

*levels depend on petition certification