

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Training Overlapping Training/Coordination

At times, a dislocated worker will seek training through WIA or other federal programs prior to receiving notification the worker is certified as trade affected. The following procedures are in place to coordinate the transfer of a worker's existing training to the TAA program after certification.

Procedures/Example:

A worker is laid off, enrolls in WIA sponsored training and receives UI benefits while in training. (To receive UI benefits while in training, the worker applies for and is approved for California Training Benefits). The WIA program pays tuition costs.

The worker's employer is certified by the Department of Labor as adversely affected due to trade and all workers are potentially eligible for TAA benefits.

The worker receives a TAA informational packet from the Trade program regarding potential TAA eligibility and advises the worker on how to apply for TAA benefits.

The worker files a TAA application, is determined to be an affected worker and is referred to their local TAA specialist. The specialist determines the worker meets the six criteria for approval of TAA training.

The worker's training specialist notifies the LWIA paying the worker's tuition that the WIA sponsored training can become TAA approved training at the next natural break (quarter/semester break, summer break, Spring/Christmas break). Through coordination with the WIA partner, the TAA program assumes the unpaid training costs and the monitoring of the worker at the next natural break.