

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 09-54

Policy **Information**

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Regional Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Michael Taylor, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: August 7, 2009

Subject: **Trade Adjustment Assistance Relocation Allowances Changes**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and local workforce investment partners of changes regarding Relocation Allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program resulting from enactment of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009. This Issuance replaces Policy Issuance No. 00-15, Relocation Allowances Under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Programs (6/22/00).

Background: On February 17, 2009 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed into law. The Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, part of the ARRA, amended several elements of the TAA program. One of the changes provides for an increase to the amount of Relocation Allowances a TAA eligible individual may receive. This issuance provides notice of the revised amount and also provides procedural guidance with respect to applying for TAA Relocation Allowances (ATTACHMENT A).

The issuance also includes new versions of the Request for Relocation Allowances application form (ATTACHMENT B) and the Employment Verification Form For Relocation Allowances (ATTACHMENT C).

Policy: For any individual determined to be TAA eligible under a petition filed *on or after* May 18, 2009, the maximum amount of Relocation Allowances he/she may receive is increased to **100%** of the total allowable cost for Transportation, Lodging and Meals, Moving and Temporary Storage.

In addition, if eligible, the individual may receive a Lump Sum Allowance (Relocation Stipend) up to an amount not to exceed **\$1,500**.

For any eligible individual covered under a petition filed *before* May 18, 2009, the Relocation Allowance maximum amount for Transportation, Lodging and Meals, Moving and Temporary Storage remains **90%** of the total allowable costs.

If eligible for a Lump Sum Allowance (Relocation Stipend), the individual covered by a petition filed before May 18, 2009 may receive up to maximum of **\$1,250**.

Action

Required: Please distribute copies of this policy to all appropriate individuals in your organization, and take necessary action to ensure compliance with this policy.

Effective: Immediately

References: Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended
Trade Reform Act of 2002
The Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009
Trade Regulations, 20 CFR Part 617
TEGL 11-02, Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade Act of 2002, issued October 10, 2002 and subsequent changes
TEGL 22-08, Operating Instructions For Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, issued on May 15, 2009
MassWorkforce Issuance No. 09-36, TAA Program Changes Resulting From Enactment of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, issued on May 28, 2009

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