

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Virtual July 2024 Technical Assistance For Dislocated Worker Counselors

TAA LINKS

-  To subscribe or update your preferences to the **Partner Express newsletter** and see archived publications: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/trade-adjustment/news/>
-  Links to the **virtual informational sessions** for customers, and **recorded videos** of each benefit (2015 Law and 2021 Reversion): <https://www.careerforcemn.com/TAA>
-  Additional **Minnesota TAA resources**: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/trade-adjustment/>
-  U.S. **Department of Labor** TAA site: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/tradeact/laws>
-  For **additional training or questions**, please contact us at deed.taa@state.mn.us or 651-259-7543.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

1. **Question: Will we get a copy of or access to the PowerPoint after the presentation?**
 - a. **Answer:** The PowerPoint and recording are posted under the Presentation tab at: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/trade-adjustment/resources/>
2. **Question: Who qualifies for TAA and how to determine if they qualify?**
 - a. **Answer:** TAA is a program that helps those whose jobs were impacted by foreign competition. If the worker has a qualifying separation date between a certified petition's Impact and Expiration Date, they are likely eligible for TAA. TAA and its Unemployment Insurance counterpart, Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA), work together to determine a person's eligibility for TAA. This decision is not made at the Dislocated Worker (DW) level.
3. **Question: Do clients have any knowledge that they could be eligible for TAA?**
 - a. **Answer:** Some may, some may not. When a person first becomes eligible for TAA, Minnesota TAA mails a letter to them explaining the benefits. Some people may have received this communication years ago and may not remember about it.
4. **Question: If clients don't know if they qualify for TAA or not, how do counselors determine that?**
 - a. **Answer:** DW Counselors should email TAA with all questions related to an individual's eligibility for TAA. TAA and TRA staff will determine eligibility. This decision is not made at the Dislocated Worker (DW) level.
5. **Question: If we have someone come in and enroll with DW and find at their intake, that their qualifying layoff is associated with a certified TAA petition, who do we email or have them email to get them connected?**
 - a. **Answer:** Please watch the [4-minute video](#) with instructions and see TAA's contact information above.
6. **Question: Is it still a lifetime benefit?**
 - a. **Answer:** Minnesota TAA no longer uses the term, "lifetime benefit" because future funding and authorization is not guaranteed. We encourage individuals to contact the TAA office for a review of their eligibility at any point.

7. **Question:** Where can DW counselors check to see that they are using the most up to date TAA forms?
 - a. **Answer:** [Forms are available online.](#)
8. **Question:** Can a client apply for state unemployment benefits while waiting for TAA approval?
 - a. **Answer:** Yes, a person can apply for unemployment insurance at any time.
9. **Question:** Can TAA pay for assessments?
 - a. **Answer:** Yes. TAA can pay for assessments and offers the COPS, CAPS, COPES free of charge to customers. Send your customer's email address to the general TAA mailbox requesting TAA send the assessment to the customer.
10. **Question:** When will you know if congress reauthorizes the program?
 - a. **Answer:** There is no known timeline. Minnesota TAA will announce program reauthorization in the Partner Express newsletter or via email blast. See link above to subscribe to the Partner Express newsletter.