



**North Carolina Department of Commerce  
Division of Workforce Solutions**

**DWS Policy Statement Number: PS 01-2019**

**Date: January 11, 2019**

**Subject: Revised Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program  
Participant Transportation Policy**

**From:**

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**Purpose:** To transmit the revised Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Participant Transportation Policy for Training, Job Search Allowance and Relocation Allowance Reimbursement and rescind DWS Policy Statement Number: PS 12-2016.

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 5-01 dated September 28, 2001, provides federal guidance governing transportation payments under the TAA program. The Division of Workforce Solutions has issued this policy to ensure that transportation payments are made in accordance with the federal directive.

*TAA Participant in Approved Training*

The revision begins with the determination of the TAA Training Participant's "normal commuting distance". Effective January 1, 2019, the "normal commuting distance" established for a TAA Training Participant is "20 or more miles roundtrip". This roundtrip is from the TAA participant's residence to the TAA approved training facility and return. If a TAA participant is enrolled in TAA approved sponsored training and has an approved TAA training plan (Form NCDWS 8-58, TAA Request for Training and Allowances) active on file, he/she may be eligible to apply for and receive TAA Participant Transportation Allowances.

*Job Search Allowances*

TAA participants may request this mileage reimbursement for travel related to job interviews within the United States and outside the individual's present community area. This commuting distance is now calculated at 20 miles or more roundtrip from their home.

*Relocation Allowances*

TAA participants may request this mileage reimbursement as part of their relocation request if they relocate within the United States and outside the individual's present commuting area. The Relocation Allowances may be available to TAA workers who have accepted a job offer outside of their normal commuting distance. This commuting distance is now calculated at 20 miles or more roundtrip from their home.

- Action:** Division staff and Local Workforce Development Areas should implement the changes in this Revised Trade Adjustment Assistance Transportation Policy.
- Effective Date:** January 1, 2019
- Expiration:** Indefinite
- Contact:** Dianna Rivera, Trade Adjustment Assistance Coordinator

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