

Trade Adjustment Assistance **Washington State Policies**

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TAA POLICY NUMBER: 3050
SUBJECT: Entrepreneur Training

This policy contains guidance for using Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program funds to support participant entrepreneur training.

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BACKGROUND

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program assists workers who have become unemployed as a result of increased imports from, or shifts in production to, foreign countries. The goal of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program is to help trade-affected workers return to suitable employment as quickly as possible. TAA participants that require retraining in order to obtain suitable employment may receive occupational skills training if determined eligible. This training may also include entrepreneur training when the participant's employment goal is to be self-employed.

POLICY

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) service providers will work with participants in assessing customer needs and developing individual training plans that are conducive to and support the occupational goals of each TAA participant to include entrepreneurship (self-employment). The approval of an entrepreneur training program is conditioned upon:

- A participant being determined eligible to receive TAA services and allowances to include meeting the six criteria for training ([Approval of Training Policy](#)).
- A training program that is listed on the Eligible Training Providers List (ETPL).
- The participant completes a comprehensive assessment and develops an appropriate training plan justifying the need for entrepreneur training that will lead to a self-employed occupation and *self-sufficiency*.
- Training that is within the authorized allowable length of time for training, which is up to 104 weeks or 130 weeks when including remedial training to gain the skills needed to become self-employed.

- The entire training plan being approved in writing before the participant begins training. The Training Approval Checklist form must be completed and included in the participant's case file.
- An entrepreneurial training program that supports the participant's self-employment goal in a demand occupation or business sector as defined by demand occupations within the Local Area Demand/Decline Occupations list.

RESTRICTIONS

- TAA funds will not be used to capitalize a participant's business or self-employed occupation in any manner.
- The total cost allowable for entrepreneur training shall not exceed the state's established training cost limit ([Approval of Training Policy](#)).
- The purchase of tools and, or equipment to complete the entrepreneur training is restricted to items that are required and itemized on training course(s) syllabuses as provided by the training service provider. The costs must be obligated in advance of the training and be a part of the participant's training contract.

Veteran's Priority of Services

The Trade Adjustment Assistance program will comply with the Jobs for Veterans Act, enacted into Public law 107-288 on November 2, 2002. Covered veterans determined eligible for the TAA program shall receive priority over non veterans for the receipt of appropriate services provided under the TAA program.

DEFINITIONS

Self-sufficiency – as defined locally within WIA policy by each Workforce Development Council

REFERENCES

The Trade Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-618), as amended; 20CFR Ch. V, 617;
The Trade Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-210) Title I & Title II

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