



**North Carolina Department of Commerce
Division of Employment Security
Unemployment Insurance**

LETTER OF POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY

_____ (Mailing Date)

Dear Trade Affected Worker,

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED BY YOU TO APPLY FOR TRADE PROGRAM SERVICES

The Trade Act of 1974, Reauthorization 2015, created a program of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) to assist individuals who become unemployed as a result of increased foreign competition to return to suitable employment. The Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Solutions, administers the services of the Trade Act programs.

The Division of Workforce Solutions has been notified by the United States Department of Labor that Petition # _____, filed on behalf of workers at _____, in _____ (city), _____ (state), was certified on _____ (date) to allow the workers to apply for TAA services and benefits.

The TAA program offers the following services and benefits:

- Reemployment Services
- Job Search Allowances
- Relocation Allowances if a new job requires you to move
- Payment of tuition, books and fees if you enroll in approved training
- Income support payments, Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA), through Unemployment Insurance
- Payment of a wage subsidy through the Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA) program for workers 50 years or older.

In order to determine if you meet the eligibility requirements to receive services and benefits under the Trade Act programs, you must apply for a determination of individual eligibility by filing a claim. You may file online by going to the Customer Self Service (CSS) site at WWW.DES.NC.GOV. If you do not have access to file online, you may call the Department of Employment Security Customer Care Center at **888 737-0259** during regular business hours. Approximately two weeks after you file your claim, you will receive a Determination of Entitlement to Trade Adjustment Assistance/Trade Readjustment Allowances in the mail. If your Determination states that you are entitled to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance, you must call the NC Works Career Center nearest you to schedule an appointment. **Take this letter with you at the time of your scheduled appointment.** A listing of all NC Works Career Centers and their telephone numbers may be found online at WWW.NCWORKS.GOV under Resources & Services. If you reside in another state or plan to move to another state, present this letter to the nearest American Job Center or the nearest "One Stop Career Center". All benefits must be pre-approved. **There are certain time sensitive requirements you must meet for consideration of benefits under this program. Therefore, it is important that you call your NC Works Career Center as quickly as possible to apply for TAA benefits.**

Additional information regarding TAA may be obtained by calling the Division of Workforce Solutions at 919 814-0373. Our goal is to provide the best services available to you that should result in a quicker return to work.

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