

TAA/WIA Integration Questions & Answers

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The following questions and answers are being shared to ensure the timely review of TAA training waivers in accordance with Federal law and policy. As a reference, frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act (TAA) with references to Federal law and Regulations can be found at http://ifs.ohio.gov/ouc/TradeAdjustAssist_FAQ.stm#

Q1) What is the procedure to review trade waivers?

A1) Every 30 days, One-Stop case managers must review previously issued waivers of training. One-Stop Case Managers must then communicate the status of the trade claimant's waiver to the Trade Central Office by sending a GroupWise email to "TRADEWAIVER". In the email, the One-Stop Case Manager must provide the reason for recommending approval or revocation of the trade claimant's waiver. For example, if you are recommending the waiver be extended for an additional 30-day period on grounds that the trade claimant's training program will not begin for 45 days, please specify such in the email. In addition, if you are changing the reason for the waiver, please provide the new reason and a brief explanation. For example: the last waiver was due to marketable skills; after the trade claimant's one-on-one assessment it was discovered that the claimant is within 2 years of retirement. Therefore, the waiver would re-certified "within 2 years of retirement" instead of re-certifying "marketable skills".

Q2) How often should trade waiver updates be transmitted to the Trade Central Office?

A2) Trade waiver updates should be transmitted to the Trade Central Office, via TRADEWAIVER email as reviewed on a daily basis. Daily transmittal of emails will help to ensure that there are no interruptions in a trade claimant's TRA benefits.

Q3) Can a waiver that was revoked be re-certified?

A3) If you have recommended that a waiver be revoked on the basis that the trade claimant has failed to report in, and subsequently the trade claimant provides you with sufficient justification and documentation, you may send a request to the Trade Central Office via TRADEWAIVER for the waiver to be re-certified.

Q4) Exactly what weeks does the 30 day waiver cover?

A4) Waivers begin on the prior Sunday date on when the claimant is provided with a waiver and ends at least 30 days after that date to the following Saturday date. Example: If claimant is provided a waiver (through a BRI or an assessment) on 9-9-05 the waiver period begins 9-4-05 (previous Sunday) and ends 10-8-05 (the Saturday following 30 days from the beginning date).

For technical assistance, please contact the Trade Central Office at 1-866-288-0989