



**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS**

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**Subject: Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Co-enrollment
with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
(WIOA) Dislocated Worker Programs**

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Purpose: To introduce strategies to strengthen participant outcomes for TAA and WIOA participants by increasing access to multiple services to benefit the long-term success of program participants through simultaneous admission known as co-enrollment (20 CFR 618.600).

Background: The Title I WIOA Dislocated Worker (DW) Program is a critical partner with TAA in identifying and serving trade-impacted workers. Co-enrollment of workers covered under certified petitions (TAA - certified workers) in partnership with the WIOA Dislocated Worker programs allows for the timely provision of individualized career services and improves the overall effectiveness of the TAA Program (Training and Employment Guidance Letter 4-20).

Action: As indicated in 20 CFR 618.605, TAA will now be a mandatory partner in the NCWorks Career Centers. All individuals participating in TAA programs will also be enrolled as WIOA Dislocated Workers. Each Local Area Workforce Development Board may determine WIOA services are to be offered to individuals co-enrolled with TAA.

TAA forms should continue to be utilized as the primary documentation to avoid duplication of efforts. In addition, the dislocated worker's assessment (20 CFR 618.345), or the individual employment plan that outlines the assessment results, employment, and occupation/training goals must also be uploaded. To the extent possible, local WIOA and NCWorks TAA staff should work together to share common forms for services such as attendance and travel reimbursement.

Based on funding availability, TAA funds should continue to be used to pay for training costs, and WIOA program funds may be used to supplement services (20 CFR 618.804 (h)(4)).

Effective Date: Immediately

Expiration: Indefinite

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