

Quick Overview

Relocation Allowances - Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) TAARA 2015

PRIOR APPROVAL

An affected worker must request relocation allowances in writing and in advance of the relocation. This can be done by making an appointment with your local Virginia Employment Commission Trade Representative; all details will be explained to you surrounding requirements to receive this benefit.

A totally separated adversely affected worker covered under a certification may receive a relocation allowance when:

1. It is determined that there is no reasonable expectancy that the participant can obtain suitable work within the participant's commuting area; in order to make this determination it will be necessary for the workers to complete a skills assessment at the local workforce center; and
2. The participant has obtained "suitable work" of long-term duration, or a bona fide offer of suitable work in the area of intended relocation. **The State Agency shall verify.**

Moving - The amount allowable for moving will not exceed 90 percent of the estimated cost of moving the household goods of the worker and family and 90 percent of the estimated reasonable cost of insurance for moving such household goods, or of moving a mobile home by commercial carrier or other means of transport to the new location. Using a commercial carrier will require at least two competitive estimated bids. The total amount allowable for moving must not exceed the cost of moving a maximum of 18,000 pounds of household goods between the same origin and destination points by commercial carrier. The participant will pay charges for weights in excess of 18,000 pounds.

Lodging and Meals - The amount allowable for lodging and meals will not exceed the lesser of 50 percent of the prevailing federal rate for lodging and meals or 90 percent of the actual expense for lodging and meals. (All original receipts are needed)

Transportation - The amount allowable for transportation will not exceed the lesser of: 90 percent of the actual cost of the trip for the worker and any dependents by the most economical public transportation they reasonably can be expected to take from the place of residence to the area of relocation; or 90 percent of the cost per mile at the prevailing federal mileage rate for such a trip for the worker and any dependents by the usual route from the place of residence to the area of relocation.

Storage - The State Agency shall allow storage costs for up to 60 days at either the origin or destination, but not both. **The request for storage must be approved prior to the move and cost for storage must be identified.** We will not pay for the lock on the storage unit nor do we pay to move the affected more than one time.

The maximum payout for estimated moving, lodging/meals, transportation, storage and lump sum payment is capped at \$8,000.

The amounts otherwise payable under paragraph (a) of this section shall be reduced by any amounts the individual is entitled to be paid or reimbursed for such expenses from any other source, i.e. new employer.

**FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON RELOCATION
ALLOWANCES PLEASE VISIT YOUR LOCAL VIRGINIA
EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION OFFICE**