

INSTRUCTION LETTER

INSTRUCTION NUMBER: WIA 11-24

TO: Upstate WIB staff and SC Works staff

SUBJECT: TAA Definition of the Commuting Area

DATE ISSUED: April 19, 2012 **DATE EFFECTIVE:** April 1, 2012 **DATE EXPIRES:** Indefinitely

PURPOSE: To communicate State Instruction Number 11-13 regarding the definition of community area pursuant to the transportation allowances, subsistence, job search allowances, and relocation allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program. ***THIS INSTRUCTION LETTER REPLACES LOCAL INSTRUCTION LETTERS WIA 07-05 and 09-02.***

BACKGROUND: The TAA Program allows for payment of transportation or subsistence payment to attend training, out-of-area job search allowances, and job relocation allowances when the travel is outside of a participant's commuting area.

POLICY: Effective April 1, 2012, the definition of a "commuting area" will be ten (10) miles one way from a participant's residence.

All TAA participants who are applying for or are already participating in TAA-approved training on or after April 1, 2012, will be reimbursed according to this definition of the commuting area.

All new job search allowance and relocation allowance applications received on or after April 1, 2012, will be reimbursed according to this definition.

ACTION: All staff members are responsible for reading and being familiar with this policy, including the attachment of State Instruction Number 11-13.

INQUIRIES: Questions may be directed to Ann Angermeier, Executive Director, at (864) 596-2028 (TTY:711) or angermeier@upstaterwib.org.


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Source: State Instruction Letter 11-13

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EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING STATE INSTRUCTION NUMBER: 11-13

TO: TAA Workforce Specialists

SUBJECT: Definition of the Commuting Area

ISSUANCE DATE: March 15, 2012

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2012

PURPOSE: To revise the State policy concerning the definition of commuting area pursuant to transportation allowances, subsistence, job search allowances, and relocation allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program.

BACKGROUND: The TAA Program allows for payment of transportation or subsistence payment to attend training, out-of-area job search allowances, and job relocation allowances when the travel is outside a participant's commuting area.

POLICY: Effective April 1, 2012, the definition of a "commuting area" will be ten (10) miles one way from a participant's residence.

All TAA participants who are applying for or are already participating in TAA-approved training on or after April 1, 2012, will be reimbursed according to this definition of the commuting area.

All new job search allowance and relocation allowance applications received on or after April 1, 2012, will be reimbursed according to this definition.

ACTION: You are responsible for the implementation of Trade Adjustment Assistance policy; specifically, revised TAA Transportation Applications for all participants in training that were previously denied travel allowances because they did not meet the commuting definition must be completed no later than Friday, April 6, 2012.

INQUIRIES: Questions regarding this instruction may be directed to Silvia Middleton at (803) 737-2583 or smiddleton@dew.sc.gov.

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