

LOCAL INSTRUCTION NUMBER: 17-08, Amendment #1

To:

SCWorks One Stop Operator

Subject:

Increase in the TAA Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Issuance Date:

January 18,2019

Effective Date:

January 20,2019

<u>Purpose:</u> This recent State guidance increases the mileage reimbursement rate pursuant to transportation allowances, subsistence, job search allowances, and relocation allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program.

Background: The TAA Program allows payment of transportation or subsistence payments for training attendance, job search, and job relocation when the travel is outside of a participant's commuting area. Mileage reimbursements must be made in accordance with 20 CFR 617.28, which requires that the prevailing mileage rate authorized under the federal travel regulations be used.

Policy: The federal mileage rate has been increased from 54.5 cents to 58 cents per mile. Effective for the claim week beginning on Sunday, January 20, 2019, and forward, the mileage reimbursement rate under the TAA Program will increase accordingly.

All TAA participants who are applying for or are already participating in TAA-approved training on or after January 20, 2019 will be reimbursed at the new rate. All new job search allowance and relocation allowance applications received on or after January 20, 2019 will be reimbursed at the new rate.

Action: This local instruction letter serves the purpose of informing WIOA staff of this change. TAA Workforce Consultants are responsible for the implementation of this TAA policy. Specifically, revised TAA Transportation Applications for all participants in training must be completed no later than Friday, February 1, 2019.

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