

INSTRUCTION LETTER

INSTRUCTION NUMBER: 17-08 WIOA

TO: All Grantees

SUBJECT: Increase in the Trade Adjustment Assistance Mileage Reimbursement

DATE ISSUED: January 29, 2018 DATE EFFECTIVE: January 21, 2018 DATE EXPIRES: Indefinitely

PURPOSE: The purpose of this guidance is to inform grantees of state instruction regarding increasing the mileage reimbursement rate pursuant to transportation allowances, subsistence, job search allowances, and relocation allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program.

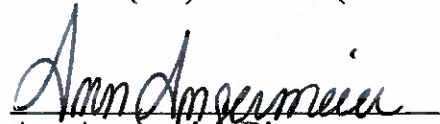
BACKGROUND: The TAA Program allows payment of transportation or subsistence payments for training attendance, job search, and job relocation when the travel is outside of a participant's commuting area. Mileage reimbursements must be made in accordance with 20 CFR 617.28, which requires that the prevailing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

POLICY: The federal mileage rate has been increased from 53.5 cents to 54.5 cents per mile. Effective for the claim week beginning on Sunday, January 21, 2018 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 21, 2018, will be reimbursed at the new rate. All new job search allowance and relocation allowance applications received on or after January 21, 2018, will be reimbursed at the new rate.

ACTION: This document is for your information and the TAA Workforce Specialist will implement this policy. Specifically, revised TAA Transportation Applications for all participants in training must be completed no later than Friday, February 2, 2018.

INQUIRIES: Should you have any questions concerning this instruction, please contact Dana Wood at (864) 596-2028 (TTY: 711) or wood@upstateworkforceboard.org.


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Sources: State Trade Adjustment Assistance Program, State Instruction Letter 17-06. This letter replaces local letter 15-06, Amendment 1.

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