

MDOL Bureau of Employment Services (BES) Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA), and Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA)



Organization Overview	The Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Services is the statewide administrator and service provider of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA), and Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) services.
Program Overview	TAA, RTAA, and TRA services help trade-affected workers - those who have lost their jobs as a result of increased imports or shifts in production to companies outside of the United States as a result of an international Trade Agreement. BES works to contact all eligible participants and to inform them of their eligibility and how they can access services.
Populations served	Eligibility for Trade Adjustment Assistance Services is based on employer certification that is conducted by the US Department of Labor on companies that have closed or undergone significant downsizing as a result of a Trade impact. Workers of companies that have been Trade Certified are then determined eligible by the Maine Department of Labor's UI division.
Services	Certified workers may be eligible to receive job search assistance, training, relocation allowances, additional weeks of unemployment benefits, and a tax credit on health insurance premiums.
Resources	TAA provides eligible workers (50 years old or older) with a wage subsidy if they find new employment within two years from layoff and their new job has lower wages than their old job.
Locations, Modalities	Trade Adjustment Assistance Act programs are available Southern Midcoast: LL Bean Learning Commons, 29 Sewall St, Brunswick, ME 04011 Portland: 151 Jetport Blvd, Portland, ME 04102 Rockland: 91 Camden St # 201, Rockland, ME 04841 Springvale: 9 Bodwell Ct, Springvale, ME 04083
Days/ Hours	Rockland CareerCenter Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Southern Midcoast CareerCenter Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Greater Portland CareerCenter Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Springvale CareerCenter Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Process to Enroll	The Bureau of Employment Services works to contact all TAA eligible participants and to inform them of their eligibility and how they can access services. Individuals who qualify for TAA also qualify for the Title IB Dislocated Worker program, and USDOL encourages coenrollment in both programs to address the service needs of the individual.
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