Workforce Solutions	North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions
	DWS Policy Statement Number: PS 12 -2016
	Date: November 21, 2016
	Subject: Revised Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Participant Transportation Policy
	From: **William H. Collins, Jr.** **Assistant Secretary for Workforce**

Purpose: **To transmit the changes in the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Participant Transportation, Job Search Allowance, and Relocation Allowance Reimbursement.**

Background: To update the TAA Transportation Policy and Rescind DWS Policy Statement Number: PS 03-2013.

TAA Participants in Approved Training
The revision begins with the determination of the TAA Training Participant's "normal commuting distance". Effective January 1, 2017 the "normal commuting distance" established for a TAA Training Participant is "30 or more miles roundtrip". This roundtrip is from the TAA Participant's residence to the TAA Approved Training Facility and return. If a TAA participant is enrolled in TAA Approved Sponsored Training and has an approved TAA Training Plan (NCDWS 8-58, TAA Request for Training and Allowances) active on file, he/she may be eligible to apply for and receive TAA Participant Transportation allowances.

Job Search Allowances
TAA participant may request this mileage reimbursement for travel related to job interviews within the Unites States and outside the individual's present commuting area. This commuting distance is now calculated at 30 miles or more (one-way) from their home.

Relocation Allowances
TAA participant may request this mileage reimbursement as part of their relocation request if they relocate within the United States and outside the individual's present commuting area. The Relocation Allowances may be available to TAA workers who have accepted a job offer outside of their normal commuting distance. This commuting distance is now calculated at 30 miles or more (one-way) from their home.

Action: Division staff and Local Workforce Development Areas should implement the changes in this Revised Trade Adjustment Assistance Transportation Policy.

Effective Date: January 3, 2017

Expiration: Indefinite

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