

TAA Termination Impacts: By the Numbers

Fact Sheet

The TAA Program was established in 1962, and since 1974 has served more than 5 million American workers. The program certifies **more than 100,000 eligible workers** annually. As of June 30, 2022, there are 16,757 active participants in the TAA Program.

TAA Reversion 2021

TAA Reversion 2021 was effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Under Reversion 2021, worker group eligibility, benefits, and services available to trade-affected workers were significantly limited due to the more restricted provisions.

- More than 40,000 services sector workers and those normally certified under determinations made by the International Trade Commission became ineligible.
- Approximately 8,000 workers annually did not have access to an average of \$13,000 in training benefits and an average of \$23,000 in income support payments; and more than 4,000 fewer workers could receive training.
- Approximately 23,000 production workers lost eligibility because reversion does not cover workers affected by shifts in production to countries without a Free Trade Agreement with the United States (e.g., China).

TAA Termination Provisions

TAA Termination provisions took effect on July 1, 2022. Under termination, DOL may not conduct new investigations or issue certifications of eligibility for new groups of workers.

In addition, benefits and services may not be provided to workers who were certified prior to July 1, 2022, but who were not separated before that date. As a result, thousands of such workers, are ineligible for TAA benefits or services. Some of the larger company impacts are listed below along with the approximate number of affected workers:

- Tennessee: Electrolux Employees - 1,925 workers
- Tennessee: CJ Automotive - 400 workers
- Ohio: Tenneco - 1,300 workers
- Illinois: Fiat Chrysler (FCA US) - 1,400 workers
- Florida: Stryker Employment Company - 500 workers
- Pennsylvania: Honeywell - 150 workers
- Indiana: Medtronic - 400 workers

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As of September 27, 2022, 85 petitions covering 7,353 workers are pending investigation. As part of the 85 petitions, Table 1 below represents companies with 100 or more workers impacted because no investigations are permitted.¹

Table 1: TAA Petitions Received During Termination Citing Over 100 Workers Affected

Worker Group Name	State and Congressional District	Product or Service	# of Workers (As cited in the petition)
Parkdale Mills Plant #39	AL-3	Knitted fabrics	115
Hunter Douglas	AZ-7	Production & assembly of mini-blinds and shutters	100
Boston Scientific Company	CA-17	Medical devices	500
Herbalife	CA-43	Accounting	300
Vestas Towers America, Inc.	CO-3	Wind towers, blades, generators, and other parts	460
Ball Aerospace & Tech Corp Headquarters	CO-2	All workers	100
Home Products International-North America, Inc.	IL-3	Plastic storage products	143
Sears Holdings Corporation	IL-8	Retail services	300
Keystone RV Company Plant 41	IN-2	All Workers	183
Keystone RV Company Plant 705	IN-2	All Workers	151
KGP Telecommunications, LLC	IN-3	Manufacturing and associated administration	189
Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America, Inc	KY-4	Make electrical parts for vehicles	170
Auto/Mate	NY-20	Automotive dealership software systems	235
ATI Specialty Rolled Products	OH-7	Manufacture steel products	100
Wells Fargo Call Center	OR-5	Call center services	700
Columbia Steel Casting Co, Inc	OR-3	Casting of steel wear parts	225
Waupaca Foundry, Inc.	TN-3	Ductile iron	460
Coleman	TX-21	All Workers	150
Merit Medical Systems	TX-9	Production, Warehouse Operators, Quality Inspector	111
KDC-One	VA-6	ALL: Production, office, warehouse, etc.	650
Total			5,342

¹ Source: ETA/OTAA Petition Automated Workflow System (PAWS) as of September 27, 2022.

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TAA Termination in the News

Table 2 provides a list of articles related to the termination of the TAA for Workers Program.

Table 2: News Articles Related to TAA for Workers Program Termination

Date	Article	Synopsis/Relevant Information
September 7, 2022	US Department of Labor awards nearly \$20M in funding to support training, services, wage ... U.S. Department of Labor	Press release announcing TAA Funding
August 23, 2022	U.S. Commerce Department Announces \$13.5 Million to Support U.S. Manufacturers U.S. Economic Development Administration	Press release from Economic Development Administration (Dept. of Congress) announcing grants for Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs) that help manufacturers affected by imports adjust to increasing global competition and to create jobs. The TAACs, which each service multiple states, are located in California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.
August 11, 2022	Remarks by Ambassador Katherine Tai at the 2022 United Steelworkers Constitutional Convention US Trade Representative	Trade Ambassador, Katherine Tai states support for TAA for Workers Program
July 20, 2022	America’s Safety Net for Workers Hurt by Globalization Is Falling Apart New York Times, Anna Swartz (paywall)	“On July 1, the program stopped reviewing new applications and appeals from workers whose applications have been rejected, and it will gradually be phased out.” “[The TAA Program’s] disappearance may leave thousands of workers without critical support as they seek new jobs.”
July 23, 2022	Thousands of workers have lost access to trade adjustment assistance weeks after Congress allowed it to expire NBC News	Includes quotes from Rachel Lipson, the co-founder and director of the Project on Workforce at Harvard University, and Brent Parton, DOL Employment and Training Administration’s Acting Assistant Secretary. Discusses impacts of TAA Program Termination.