

## Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) Eligibility Information Guide

The following information will help you determine if you are eligible to claim the Health Coverage Tax Credit.

**Criteria 1** You must be “TAA” eligible for Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA), Alternative TAA (ATAA) or Reemployment TAA (RTAA) benefits provided under the Trade Act.

**Criteria 2** You must also have qualified health insurance that includes:

- (1) Coverage under a COBRA continuation provision;
- (2) Coverage under a group health plan available through the employment of your spouse where you pay more than 50 percent of the insurance premium;
- (3) Coverage under an employee benefit plan funded by a voluntary employees’ beneficiary association (VEBA) that was established through the bankruptcy of your former employer;
- (4) Coverage obtained in the non-group (individual) health insurance market other than coverage offered through the Health Insurance Marketplace; or
- (5) Coverage under certain state-qualified health plans established prior to January 1, 2014.

**Criteria 3** To claim the HCTC for a month, one of the following conditions must exist:

HCTC-Eligible “TAA” Recipient	Special Rule HCTC-Eligible “TAA” Recipient	HCTC-Eligible ATAA Recipient	HCTC-Eligible RTAA Recipient
<p>You must be <u>eligible</u> to receive Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must have worked at least 26 weeks in the 52 weeks prior to lay off.</li> <li>• You must be eligible for and file a claim for Unemployment Compensation (UC) benefits and have exhausted your UC benefits.</li> <li>• You must be enrolled in training or on a training waiver within 26 weeks of the company’s certification date (e.g. 12/13/16), or your lay off date.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have a break in TAA-approved training that exceeds 30 days and the break falls within the eligibility period for receipt of TRA provided under the Trade Act.</li> </ul>	<p>You are an Alternative TAA (ATAA) participant, and received the ATAA wage subsidy on any day of the month.</p>	<p>You are a Reemployment TAA (RTAA) participant, and received the RTAA wage subsidy on any day of the month.</p>
<p>AND/OR You must receive a TRA payment for any day of the month.</p> <p>OR You would be eligible to receive TRA but for the fact that you have not exhausted your UC entitlement (which includes regular UC, Extended Benefits (EB), or any Federal supplemental compensation) on any day of the month.</p> <p>An individual will continue to be treated as an HCTC-eligible “TAA” Recipient during the first month that they would otherwise cease to be an HCTC-eligible “TAA” recipient</p>	<p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are receiving Unemployment Compensation (UC) (which includes regular UC, Extended Benefits (EB) or any Federal supplemental compensation for any day of the month and would be eligible to receive TRA <u>except</u> that you have not exhausted UC for such month, <i>without regard to enrollment in training requirements</i>.</li> </ul>	<p>An individual will continue to be treated as an HCTC-eligible ATAA Recipient during the first month that they would otherwise cease to be an HCTC-eligible ATAA recipient.</p>	<p>An individual will continue to be treated as an HCTC-eligible RTAA Recipient during the first month that they would otherwise cease to be an HCTC-eligible RTAA recipient.</p>
<p>OR You must be an HCTC-Eligible “TAA” recipient for purposes of the HCTC (as defined above) who would have been qualified to receive HCTC between 1/1/14 and 6/28/15 or 6/29/15 through 12/31/19.</p>	<p>OR You must be an eligible Special Rule HCTC-Eligible “TAA” Recipient for purposes of the HCTC (as defined above) who would have been qualified to receive HCTC between 1/1/14 and 6/28/15 or 6/29/15 through 12/31/19.</p>	<p>OR You must be an eligible ATAA recipient who would have been qualified to receive HCTC between 1/1/14 and 6/28/15 or 6/29/15 through 12/31/19.</p>	<p>OR You must be an eligible RTAA recipient who would have been qualified to receive HCTC between 1/1/14 and 6/28/15 or 6/29/15 through 12/31/19.</p>

**Criteria 4** If you have questions regarding HCTC you may contact the IRS. Only the IRS can determine whether you qualify for the HCTC. Please go to [www.irs.gov/HCTC](http://www.irs.gov/HCTC) for further information on how to apply for this credit. If you are determined eligible for the HCTC Benefit you can choose between the following options: Advance Tax Credit Option – Effective January 1, 2017 OR Pay 100% of the premium and claim the tax credit on your tax return. Alaska Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development, Trade Adjustment Assistance Program. Source: DOLETA UI-PL 1-17. 6-19-2017 File saved at: F/ESTECH/NEW FILE SYSTEM/Programs Projects/TAA & TRA/HCTC 2017/HCTC Eligibility Information Guide/HCTC Elig Info Guide HCTC 061917 USE THIS