

**HOW TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE (TRA) STAFF DETERMINES ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS  
DURING SUMMER BREAKS  
Effective summer 2014**

- 1. The sum of all credits taken during the summer term must be full-time as defined by the training institution and set out in TAA policy.**

Even though eligibility is determined on a week by week basis, for purposes of meeting the school's full-time status definition, TRA has to look at the Summer Term as a whole, just like we look at Quarters and Semesters as a whole. So, when the credits for each "part" are added together within the Summer Term as a whole, they must meet the full-time status.

- 2. If there is a break between Spring and Summer terms, a break within the Summer term, a break between Summer and Fall terms, the participant is eligible during the break only if it is less than 30 days in length (this excludes weekends and holidays.)**

**Example 1 (using 12 credits as fulltime status):**

*Each break in training between semesters and within the Summer term is less than 30 days*

Spring Semester ends 5/25/13 (full-time status)

**<Break in training> (1 week) 5/26/13 – 6/1/13**

Summer Term (12 credits Full-time status)

Summer session 1      6/2/13 – 6/29/13 (4 credits)

Summer session 2      6/30/13 – 7/27/13 (4 credits)

Summer session 3      7/28/13 – 8/24/13 (4 credits)

**<Break in training> (1 week) 8/25/13 – 8/31/13**

Fall Semester starts week 9/1/13 (Full-time status)

**Example 2 (using 12 credits as fulltime status):**

*Each break in training between semesters and within the Summer term is less than 30 days*

Spring Semester ends 5/25/13 (full-time status)

**<Break in training> (5 weeks) 5/26/13 – 6/29/13**

Summer Term (12 credits Full-time status)

Summer session 1      6/2/13 – 6/29/13 (**0 credits**)

Summer session 2      6/30/13 – 7/27/13 (8 credits)

Summer session 3      7/28/13 – 8/24/13 (4 credits)

**<Break in training> (1 week) 8/25/13 – 8/31/13**

Fall Semester starts week 9/1/13 (Full-time status)

**Example 3 (using 12 credits as fulltime status):**

*All 12 credits taken Summer session 3, break in training between Spring term and start of Summer session 3 is greater than 30 days; the participant would not be eligible for TRA during that break in training*

Spring Semester ends 5/25/13 (full-time status)

**<Break in training> (9 weeks) 5/26/13 – 7/27/13**

Summer Term (12 credits Full-time status)

Summer session 1      6/2/13 – 6/29/13 (0 credits)

Summer session 2      6/30/13 – 7/27/13 (0 credits)

Summer session 3      7/28/13 – 8/24/13 (12 credits)

**<Break in training> (1 week) 8/25/13 – 8/31/13**

Fall Semester starts week 9/1/13 (Full-time status)

**Example 4**

***Break in training within the Summer term is less than 30 days***

Spring Semester ends 5/25/13 (full-time status)

**<Break in training> (1 week) 5/26/13 – 6/1/13**

Summer Term (12 credits Full-time status)

Summer session 1 6/2/13 – 6/29/13 (8 credits)

Summer session 2 **<Break in training 4 weeks > 6/30/13 – 7/27/13 (0 credits)**

Summer session 3 7/28/13 – 8/24/13 ( 4 credits)

**<Break in training> (1 week) 8/25/13 – 8/31/13**

Fall Semester starts week 9/1/13 (Full-time status)

***For purposes of the length of break and full-time status, the participant is eligible in all of the examples except during the break of 5/26/13 through 7/27/13 in Example 3, because the break (9 weeks) exceeds the days of a qualifying break (over 30 days rule).***