§ 617.30  General.
A job search allowance shall be granted an adversely affected worker to assist the individual in securing a job within the United States as provided in this subpart D.

§ 617.31  Applications.
(a) Forms. Applications for job search allowances shall be filed in accordance with this subpart D and on forms which shall be furnished to individuals by the State agency.
(b) Submittal. An application may be submitted to a State agency at any time by an individual who has been totally or partially separated whether or not a certification covering the individual has been made. However, an application must be submitted to a State agency before the job search begins for the job search allowance to be granted, and the job search may not be approved until after the individual is covered under a certification.
(c) Time limits. Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this section, a job search allowance application may be approved only if submitted before:
   (1) The 365th day after the date of the certification under which the individual is covered, or the 365th day after the date of the individual’s last total separation, whichever is later; or
   (2) The 182d day after the concluding date of training approved under subpart C of this part 617, or approved under the regulations superseded by this part 617.

§ 617.32  Eligibility.
(a) Conditions. Job search allowance eligibility requires:
   (1) A timely filed application;
   (2) Total separation from adversely affected employment at the time the job search commences;
   (3) Registration with the State agency which shall furnish the individual such reemployment services as are appropriate under subpart C of this part 617.
   (4) A determination by the State agency that the individual has no reasonable expectation of securing suitable employment in the commuting area, and has a reasonable expectation of obtaining suitable employment of long-term duration outside the commuting area and in the area where the job search will be conducted. For the purposes of this section, the term “suitable employment” means suitable work as defined in § 617.3(kk) (1) or (2), whichever is applicable to the individual; and
   (5) Completion of the job search within a reasonable period not exceeding 30 days after the day on which the job search began.
(b) Completion of job search. A job search is deemed completed when the individual either secures employment or has contacted each employer to whom referred by the State agency in connection with a job search.
(c) Verification of employer contacts. The State agency shall verify contacts with employers certified by the individual.

§ 617.33  Findings required.
(a) Findings by liable State. Before final payment of a job search allowance may be approved, the following findings shall be made by the liable State:
   (1) The individual meets the eligibility requirements for a job search allowance specified in § 617.32(a) (1) through (4);
   (2) The application for a job search allowance was submitted by the individual within the time limits specified in § 617.31(c);
   (3) The individual completed the job search within the time limits stated in § 617.32(a)(5), and the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of § 617.32 have been met.
(b) Agent State. (1) When an individual files an application for a job search allowance with respect to a job search conducted in a State other than the liable State, the State agency of the State in which the individual conducts the job search shall serve as the agent State and be responsible for assisting the individual in conducting the job search and in filing an application for a job search allowance with the liable State, and for assisting the liable State...
by furnishing to it any information re-
quired for the liable State’s determina-
tion of the claim.

(2) The agent State shall cooperate
fully with the liable State in carrying
out its activities and functions with re-
gard to such applications.

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§ 617.34 Amount.

(a) Computation. The amount of a job
search allowance shall be 90 percent of
the total costs of each of the following
allowable transportation and subsist-
ence items:

(1) Travel. The more cost effective
mode of travel reasonably available
shall be approved by using:

(i) The actual cost of round trip trav-
el by the most economical public
transportation the individual reason-
ably can be expected to take from the
individual’s residence to the area of job
search; or

(ii) The cost per mile at the pre-
vailing mileage rate authorized under
the Federal travel regulations (see 41
CFR part 101–7) for such roundtrip
travel by the usual route from the indi-
vidual’s residence to the area of job
search.

(2) Lodging and meals. The cost allow-
able for lodging and meals shall not ex-
ceed the lesser of:

(i) The actual cost to the individual
of lodging and meals while engaged in
the job search; or

(ii) 50 percent of the prevailing per
diem allowance rate authorized under
the Federal travel regulations (see 41
CFR part 101–7) for the locality where
the job search is conducted.

(b) Limit. The total job search allow-
ances paid to an individual under a cer-
tification may not exceed $800, regard-
less of the number of job searches un-
dertaken by the individual. The amounts otherwise payable under para-
graph (a) of this section shall be re-
duced by any amounts the individual is
titled to be paid or reimbursed for
such expenses from any other source.

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§ 617.35 Time and method of payment.

(a) Determinations. A State agency
shall promptly make and record deter-
minations necessary to assure entitle-
ment of an individual to a job search
allowance at any time, before or after
a certification covering the individual
is made. No job search allowance may
be paid or advanced to an individual
until the State agency determines that
the individual is covered under a cer-
tification. A State agency shall make
payment as promptly as possible upon
determining that the individual is cov-
ered under a certification and is other-
wise eligible.

(b) Payment. Unless paragraph (a) of
this section applies, a job search allow-
ance shall be paid promptly after an in-
dividual completes a job search and
complies with paragraph (d) of this sec-
tion.

(c) Advances. A State agency may ad-
vance an individual (except an individu-
al not yet covered under a certifi-
cation) 60 percent of the estimated
amount of the job search allowance
payable on completion of the job
search, but not exceeding $360, within 5
days prior to commencement of a job
search. Such advance shall be deducted
from any payment under paragraph (b)
of this section.

(d) Worker evidence. On completion of
a job search, the individual shall cer-
tify on forms furnished by the State
agency as to employer contacts made
and amounts expended daily for lodg-
ing and meals. Receipts shall be re-
quired for all lodging and purchased
transportation expenses incurred by
the individual pursuant to the job
search. An adjustment shall be made if
the amount of an advance is less or
more than the amount to which the in-
dividual is entitled under §617.34.

Subpart E—Relocation Allowances

§ 617.40 General.

A relocation allowance shall be
granted an adversely affected worker
to assist the individual and the individu-
al’s family, if any, to relocate within
the United States as stated in this sub-
part E. A relocation allowance may be
granted an individual only once under
a certification. A relocation allowance