

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to change regulations related to work search requirements for unemployment insurance claimants and technical verbiage for the division's labor exchange system.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with unemployment insurance, including the following:

- (1) 8 AAC 85 is proposed to be changed as follows:
 - AAC 85.351 is amended to omit the words "Alaska Labor Exchange System" and replace them with "the division's labor exchange system."
 - AAC 85.352 is amended to require claimants to perform work searches based on the population and labor market of the area in which they reside. It also broadens the definition of work searches by adding the word "activity" and therefore provides claimants more opportunities to meet the requirement.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Tara Sidor at P.O. Box 115509, Juneau, AK 99811-5509, and by email at tara.sidor@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on May 10, 2024.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development by email at tara.sidor@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Tara Sidor at (907) 465-3495 or tara.sidor@alaska.gov, not later than May 10, 2024, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Tara Sidor at (907) 465-3495 or tara.sidor@alaska.gov.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if

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your interests could be affected.

Statutory authority: AS 23.20.045, AS 23.20.080

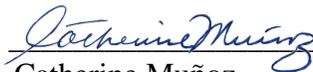
Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 23.20.378, AS 23.20.382, AS 23.20.385, AS 23.20.520

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Division of Employment and Training Services, Unemployment Insurance program keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all the Unemployment Insurance program's notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to jnu.uitech@alaska.gov, giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer, for receiving notices.

Individuals can also sign up to receive automated notifications of all State of Alaska notices, including public notice for regulation changes, by subscribing to the Alaska Online Public Notices System: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx>.

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