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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Kim Kolvig, Special Assistant to the Commissioner
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: November 6, 2025

RE: Filed Emergency Regulations: Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Emergency Regulations re:
Requirements of Registration and Job Search (8 AAC 85.351)

Attorney General File:	Emergency Regulations
Regulation Filed:	11/6/2025
Effective Date:	11/6/2025
Expiration Date:	March 5, 2026 unless made permanent by the adopting agency
Print:	256, January 2026

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Appendix P: Finding of Emergency and Adoption Order

FINDING OF EMERGENCY

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Employment and Training Services, finds that an emergency exists and that the attached regulation is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. The facts constituting the emergency include the following:

Currently, 8 AAC 85.351, Able and Available for Suitable Work: Registration for Work, unless deferred, requires claimants to register for work with AlaskaJobs and submit either one or two work search activities for each week filed, depending on their location.

Federal civilian employees who are currently furloughed due to the federal government shutdown, and who are filing for Alaska unemployment insurance benefits, are still job attached but must meet the eligibility requirements of 85.351. This may create a conflict of interest for federal employees because outside employment cannot conflict with the employee's official duties under federal law.

This emergency regulation will defer the requirements of registration and job search for federal civilian employees filing for unemployment insurance benefits during furlough periods.

ADOPTION ORDER

Under the authority of AS 23.20.045, the attached regulation changes are therefore adopted as an emergency regulation to take effect immediately upon filing by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180(3) and any other applicable authority.

This action is not expected to require increased appropriations.

Date: 10/31/2025

Signature: 
Catherine Muñoz
Commissioner

FILING CERTIFICATION

April Simpson for
Nancy Dankstrom
I, [name of lieutenant governor], Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on November 6, 2025, at 8:55am., I filed the attached regulation according to the provisions of AS 44.62.

 [signature]
for Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dankstrom

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FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

EMERGENCY REGULATION

Register 256, January ²⁰²⁶~~2025~~ LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEV.

8 AAC 85.351 (g) is amended to read:

(g) The director may defer registration for work for a claimant who is

(1) temporarily unemployed with a definite date to return to full-time work within 45 days after the date the claimant files the initial claim;

(2) unemployed due to a labor dispute;

(3) traveling immediately following the filing of the initial claim, for the purpose of relocating outside of this state; upon arrival in the new area of residence, the claimant shall register for work as required in (a) of this section;

(4) repealed 3/4/2006;

(5) normally hired through a trade union, if the union furnishes information when requested by the director to verify the claimant's current membership and eligibility for dispatch;

(6) repealed 3/4/2006;

(7) repealed 3/4/2006;

(8) under an approved waiver of availability under AS 23.20.378 or 23.20.382.

(9) a furloughed federal employee out of work as a result of a federal government shutdown.

(Eff. 10/12/97, Register 144; am 11/7/2001, Register 160; am 3/4/2006, Register 177; am 3/25/2007, Register 181; am 6/27/2014, Register 210; am 11 / 6 / 2025, Register 256)

Authority: AS 23.20.045 AS 23.20.378 AS 23.20.385

AS 23.20.080 AS 23.20.382 AS 23.20.520