

UNEMPLOYMENT ADENDUM FOR INDEFINITE LAYOFF

Unemployment is a State Benefit run by the State of Illinois. The same rules apply universally for everyone in the state. Failure to abide by the rules the state has set forth could very well lead to a delay in payment of your benefits or a denial by the state of those benefits. The following are some of the important rules to know as far as the requirement of the State of Illinois.

Before beginning, I am recommending that everyone try to sign into the IDES system and try to file a claim (just get to the first page of questions). This exercise is just because most people will find that they need to re-confirm their identity by answering some questions (SSN #, Drivers License #, etc....). If you have had issues with this in the past, you may need to call IDES to get it fixed again. Please do this **BEFORE** you need to file your claim. If you have had problems with this in the past, you will likely still have problems now.

First and foremost, everyone **MUST** register with the Illinois Joblink. When you finish filing your Unemployment application, you will have a confirmation page which includes your confirmation number as well as your Joblink Username (this is an entirely different website from the IDES website). The "resume" that you will need to fill out consists of questions asking about how far you are willing to travel and how much money you are willing to accept, etc.. It does not matter what your future plans are with Stellantis, **EVERYONE** must register a resume with the Joblink!!! We had individuals during the last shift cut who did not register by the time they certified for benefits 2 weeks later and they were denied benefits for those 2 weeks and lost their subsequent appeals. I can't emphasize this enough; the state is cracking down hard on individuals not registered with the Joblink. If you need assistance with this, the Workforce Connection offices are the best place to go. Especially if you may be interested in utilizing one of the approved state training courses, the workers at the Workforce Connection offices do a magnificent job at assisting people into those training programs. The local offices for Workforce Connection are 600 S. State St in Belvidere (2nd floor of Midland States Bank) and 303 N. Main St in Rockford (2nd floor). For Workforce Connection, you do not need to have an appointment.

Secondly, everyone collecting IDES benefits **MUST** be actively looking for work!!! The only exceptions to this are individuals who enrolled in a Workforce Connection training program as an alternative to looking for work and those with a definite return to work date. As of this writing, we have no new information on possible work opportunities elsewhere, therefore everyone must perform work searches. It is highly recommended that you utilize the Joblink website to perform work searches as the state will be able to see that you performed those searches while logged in. There is no exact number of jobs you are required to look at or apply to. If you are ever audited by the State, you will need to convince them that your full-time job while being laid off was to look for work. If you are currently making \$31 per hour, it can be considered reasonable of you to begin your work search by looking for salary and benefits near what you are currently making. As time progresses, the state will expect you to drop your expectations. Likewise, if you are a skilled trades electrician, it can be seen as reasonable if you only look at a couple of different jobs per week as you have specialized skills. If you are an assembly line worker, you are going to be expected to be looking through many more jobs as you are considered a general laborer and there will be many jobs out there in that designation.

UNEMPLOYMENT FILING FOR STELLANTIS INDEFINITE LAYOFF

1. YOU MUST FILE ON WEEK YOU ARE LAID OFF (NO BACKDATING). THIS FILING IS FOR STELLANTIS EMPLOYEES LAID OFF AS OF 03/04/2023
2. If you are claiming dependents you need to have their SSN with you when you file.
3. If you have a pension, you MUST have that information with you every time you file.
4. The waiting week in IL is currently waived thru March 4, 2023, it is expected to be extended through May 6, 2023 therefore there will not be a waiting week and no reason to scan for SUB pay.
5. The website for unemployment is www.ides.illinois.gov.

***** EMPLOYMENT HISTORY PAGE!!! If your employer is listed on the bottom of this page, you MUST ADD NEW PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT!!!! As always you MUST enter dates on this page or you will not get paid. For this layoff, your information is as follows....

Most recent start date.....05/15/2022

Last day worked.....03/03/2023

Number of days worked..... 210

Days worked in a week5

Number of weeks worked.....42

(If you were not laid off last May, go to your IDES pay page and use the first day you returned to work after your last layoff as your recent start date, then estimate your days/ weeks worked.)

****On the Occupation page, just remember that UAW 1268 is NOT a hiring hall that gives work assignments. The answer to the first question is "None of the above". For the next question that asks if you have a return-to-work date, YOU WILL ANSWER "NO" as you do not have a return date.

The unemployment office is finally open. They are taking people by appointment only, and only for basic issues such as proving identity or password help. You must make an appointment at least 24 hours in advance by calling 217-558-0401. Representative Dave Vella has been outstanding helping members with issues. His office number is 815-329-6741.

As always UAW 1268 hall will have computers and help available. If you come on Monday/ Tuesday when the hall is busy, you will be doing the filing. If you need one on one help, it is asked that you come later in the week when there isn't as many people trying to file. **MAKE SURE TO LOGIN TO THE NEW SYSTEM AHEAD OF TIME IF YOU HAVEN'T YET!!** The number for unemployment is always 1-800-244-5631. You leave your information and they call you back.

United We Stand Strong,
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