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Labor Posts Unemployment Compensation Information for Furloughed Federal Workers

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development administers unemployment insurance benefits for federal workers in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Information for furloughed federal workers is online at
http://labor.alaska.gov/esd_unemployment_insurance/fed-employee-fact-sheet.pdf.

A new claim for unemployment insurance benefits is effective the week it is filed. Workers are encouraged to file online through MyAlaska at <https://myalaska.state.ak.us/home>.

Because payroll offices may be furloughed, workers will need to provide proof of earnings for 2012 and 2013 to make a claim eligible. Claims filed prior to Oct. 6, 2013 should provide proof of earnings for April 1, 2012 through April 6, 2013. Claims filed on or after Oct. 6, 2013 should provide proof of earnings for July 1, 2012 through July 6, 2013.

Proof of earnings can be a W-2, Leave & Earnings statements or, if those are not available, the most recent Personnel Action form (SF50). The Alaska Department of Labor will use these documents to input affidavit wages to establish temporary monetary eligibility. When verification of actual wages is received from the federal employer any monetary entitlement will be adjusted.

Alaska job seekers can visit the Alaska Job Center Network at one of 22 statewide job centers or online at Jobs.Alaska.Gov/offices or call 877-724-2539. Job centers offer comprehensive employment resources including Alaska's online job bank ALEXsys for conducting local or statewide job searches, work skills assessments to help determine job readiness and reemployment services orientation to help choose the best career path.

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