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New Federal Rules for Alaskans Collecting Emergency Unemployment Benefits

JUNEAU, Alaska—Alaskans collecting unemployment insurance benefits under the Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program will be required to report in person to a local job center to get assistance with finding a job. Waivers will be granted to Alaskans in remote areas with no access to a job center.

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is mailing information to Alaskans affected by the new requirements.

"In person reemployment assessments will help long-term unemployed job seekers update their skills and better prepare them as they look to reenter the workforce," Employment Security Division Director Paul Dick said.

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, passed by Congress in February, requires those accepting new EUC benefits to document their work search efforts and requires most individuals to report in person to a local job center office to participate in reemployment services and submit their work search records.

Failure to meet these new requirements may result in losing UI benefits.

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