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## Alaskans receiving unemployment benefits must file work search reports

JUNEAU, Alaska—Under new federal legislation, Alaskans filing for unemployment insurance benefits must report their work search efforts beginning with the week of Sept. 21- 27.

Most UI claimants must make and report two valid employer work search contacts for each week that benefits are claimed, under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. Not conducting and reporting a valid work search may result in a denial of benefits.

Claimants currently filing for UI benefits will be notified of the number of required work search contacts they must make and report each week.

More information about unemployment insurance benefits and work search requirements is available online <u>http://labor.alaska.gov/esd\_unemployment\_insurance/faq.htm</u>.

Alaskans are urged to contact the nearest Job Center for job search assistance, resume building assistance and other employment services to aid in a transition to sustainable employment. For a list of Alaska Job Centers go online at <u>Jobs.Alaska.Gov</u> or call toll-free 877-724-2539.

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