

Top Ten Things You should Know About Unemployment Insurance

New Hampshire Employment Security Video Script

Hi, I'm Dan with New Hampshire Employment Security.

Unemployment Insurance, often abbreviated UI, provides temporary assistance to qualified individuals who have lost their job.

To collect UI, you must meet, and then continue to meet, eligibility requirements, on an ongoing weekly basis.

The UI program is not a right to all who have lost their jobs. This video segment will tell you the top ten things to keep in mind when applying for Unemployment Insurance to ensure accurate and quick payments of benefits.

1: Use New Hampshire's Job Match System (JMS)

JMS is an online resource that helps connect job seekers to employers in NH and throughout the country.

2: Accurately Report the Reason You're Unemployed

Accurately and honestly report the reason why you've left your job when you initially file your claim for benefits.

3: Report Any Wages You Are Earning

Report all earnings, including part-time, temporary or casual work, such as caring for a neighbor's child or doing odd jobs. You must report your gross wages for each week you work. Gross wages are the amount you earn before any deductions are taken.

4: Be Available for Work

In order to collect benefits, you must continually certify that you are able, available and willing to accept suitable work.

5: Actively Search for Work

If instructed by NHES, you must search for work each week or benefits may be denied. Visit www.nhes.nh.gov and choose Job Seeker for job search assistance. You can also visit your local NH Works office or call 1-800-266-2252 for assistance.

A list of local offices and additional information can be found on our website: www.nhes.nh.gov

6: Develop and Document an Effect Work Search Plan

An organized and documented job search improves your chances of finding employment. All claimants are required by law to document work search activities and provide to this department as requested.

7: Do Not Pay An Agent To File Your Claim

The use of paid third parties to file your claim and/or communicate with NHES is very risky. It is always discouraged. Do not share your personal information with anyone.

8: Do Not Commit Fraud

Follow the rules carefully and always tell the truth to avoid committing fraud. Failure to follow legal requirements has serious consequences, including fines and potential jail sentence. Lack of knowledge or understanding of the rules is NOT an acceptable excuse for failure to follow them.

9: Know Your Responsibilities and Ask for Help

If you have questions, please visit your local NH Works office or call 1-800-266-2252. Please see our website at www.nhes.nh.gov for additional assistance.

#10: Don't Delay.

As soon as you begin working again, notify NHES. Waiting until you receive your first paycheck to stop filing for unemployment benefits and report that you've returned to work, is committing fraud. Report your return to work right away.