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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING WORK SEARCH REQUIREMENTS

In March, 2020, Governor Northam issued an Executive Directive temporarily waiving the requirement that unemployed individuals make an active search for work as required by the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act. Now that the economy is beginning to make some recovery and more and more Virginia employers are resuming business and reopening, the suspension of the active work search requirement is being lifted.

Beginning with the week of May 30 through June 5, 2021, individuals wishing to request a weekly claim for payment of unemployment benefits will be required to make an active search for work and report those contacts when filing their weekly continued claim for benefits in order to receive payment. In addition, they will be required to be able to work, available for work, actively seeking and unable to obtain suitable work, and willing to accept any offer of suitable work without attaching any undue restrictions not usual and customary for the type of work they are seeking. The U.S. Department of Labor defines "able" as an individual who is physically and mentally able to perform work and "available" as ready and willing to accept suitable work. Virginia claimants who do not meet both of these requirements are not eligible for benefits and must report their correct status to the VEC each week. Failure to search for work or be able and available for work will result in a denial of benefits for the week in which the failure occurred.

Please refer to Your Unemployment Benefit Rights and Responsibilities for additional details concerning work search and able and available requirements.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING YOUR CLAIM FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Si necesita ayuda para entender este documento en espanol, puede solicitarlo sin costo adicional llamando a nuestro Centro de Contacto con el Cliente al 1-866-832-2363.

In order to claim benefits by phone or Internet or obtain information by phone concerning your claim for unemployment benefits, you must be able to provide your Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Your PIN is 718171.

You are encouraged to visit our website at www.vec.virginia.gov to use our services. For your security, our website now requires you to establish a User ID and Password. Once you have created a User ID and Password you can easily and securely file your weekly claim for benefits, reopen your claim, or file an appeal to an adverse determination on your benefit entitlement. This site contains other helpful information unemployment benefits and employment services.

When using the VEC voice response system to obtain information, change your electronic payment method, or claim benefits, you must enter ALL six digits of your PIN. However, when calling the Customer Contact Center for information, you are required to provide only the first four digits of the PIN.

Please safeguard your PIN and do not give it to anyone else. If you lose or forget your PIN or believe someone else is using it, call the Customer Contact Center immediately at 1-866-832-2363.

Weekly benefits may be claimed over the Internet by accessing the VEC website at www.vec.virginia.gov or on the telephone by dialing toll-free 1-800-897-5630.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR WORK ONLINE AT www.vawc.virginia.gov

Please be advised that knowingly providing false or misleading information or withholding material information constitutes a Class 1 misdemeanor that could result in a fine, a jail sentence, or both. In addition, you will be liable for a 15% penalty on any amount of benefits erroneously paid due to providing false or misleading information to obtain benefits.

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En mars 2020, le gouverneur Northam a publié une directive exécutive qui suspendait temporairement l'obligation pour les chômeurs de faire une recherche active de travail, comme l'exige la loi sur l'indemnisation du chômage de Virginie. Maintenant que l'économie commence à se redresser et que de plus en plus d'employeurs de Virginie reprennent leurs activités et rouvrent leurs portes, la suspension de l'exigence de recherche active de travail est levée.

À partir de la semaine du 30 mai au 5 juin 2021, les personnes souhaitant demander une demande hebdomadaire de paiement d'allocations de chômage devront effectuer une recherche active de travail et signaler ces contacts lorsqu'elles déposeront leur demande hebdomadaire de maintien des allocations afin de recevoir un paiement. En outre, elles devront obtenir un travail convenable et être prêtes à accepter toute offre de travail convenable sans y attacher de restrictions excessives qui ne sont pas habituelles et coutumières pour le type de travail qu'elles recherchent. Le ministère américain du travail définit le terme "apte" comme un individu physiquement et mentalement capable d'effectuer un travail. Le terme "disponible" signifie qu'il est prêt et disposé à accepter un travail convenable. Les demandeurs de Virginie qui ne remplissent pas ces deux conditions n'ont pas droit aux prestations et doivent signaler leur statut exact au VEC chaque semaine. Le fait de ne pas chercher du travail ou d'être capable et disponible pour travailler entraînera un refus de prestations pour la semaine au cours de laquelle le manquement s'est produit.

Veuillez vous référer à vos droits et responsabilités en matière de prestations de chômage pour plus de détails concernant la recherche de travail et les exigences de capacité et de disponibilité.

AVIS IMPORTANT CONCERNANT VOTRE DEMANDE DE PRESTATIONS DE CHÔMAGE

Pour demander des prestations par téléphone ou par Internet ou pour obtenir des informations par téléphone concernant votre demande de prestations de chômage, vous devez être en mesure de fournir votre numéro d'identification personnel (NIP).

Votre NIP est le 7818171.