



Alaska Employer



Newsletter

Unemployment Insurance

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Questions about your account or contributions?

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Help stop Unemployment Insurance fraud

The Unemployment Insurance (UI) program is responsible for implementing and maintaining fraud detection systems and the investigation and resolution of fraud issues. Our efforts serve to both protect the UI Trust Fund and your Employment Security Contribution account. Our charge is to ensure the correct amount of UI benefits are paid to claimants.

One of the primary tools used in detecting and investigating potential fraud issues is the forms that are mailed to employers requesting employment and wage details on prior employees. Your timely completion and return of these forms helps in detecting and recovering improper payments and aids in protecting your Employment Security Contribution account. Your assistance in providing timely information is greatly appreciated, and will help in keeping your Employment Security Contribution rate as low as possible.

You can report UI benefit fraud at labor.state.ak.us/esd_unemployment_insurance/bpc.htm. You may also provide UI benefit fraud information by calling **Benefit Payment Control Unit** at **907.269.4880** or **toll-free** at **877.272.4635**.

The information you provide is confidential, and you can remain anonymous when reporting UI fraud. We appreciate your help.

Are you hiring summer help?

Q: If I hire someone temporarily or seasonally, do I have to report them?

A: Yes. Workers hired to provide services within the usual course of your business are employees regardless of the amount of time they work or the amount of money they are paid. Some examples of paid employees that should be included on your quarterly tax report are:

- Tour guides
- Camp counselors
- Day labor
- Sports officials
- Boat operators and crew
- Street vendor workers
- Students working in the tourism industry
- Tour bus operators
- Fair and carnival workers
- Seasonal pilots
- Hunting and fishing guides

Trade Adjustment Assistance helps employers and displaced workers

Are you an employer facing layoffs? Are you considering reducing your employee's hours? It might be the economy, or it might be foreign trade — either the shifting of jobs overseas or competition from the importing of a similar product. Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) is available to help your employees; they may qualify for services and benefits beyond UI.

TAA is a federally funded program administered by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The program helps workers who are adversely affected by foreign imports or job shifts to a foreign country. Benefits are provided to eligible workers in the form of reemployment services, training, job search, and relocation assistance. In addition, they may qualify for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC).

Employers can receive 50 percent reimbursement of a worker's wages while participating in employer-based training opportunities — formally called On-the-Job Training (OJT). Participating employers are able to tap into a pool of workers who are good candidates and train them to meet your specific needs. In return you receive a dedicated, hardworking employee.

For workers who qualify, TAA provides a variety of reemployment and training services, such as funding to upgrade skills or train for a new occupation. Services such as employment counseling, job development, workshops, and job referrals are available through the Alaska Job Center Network, whose staff works one-on-one with workers to develop an individualized reemployment plan. Other TAA benefits include covering the costs of a job search or relocation if the worker must leave the commuting area.*

If your workers have already been laid off, you may still qualify for the program and your former employees may still be eligible for benefits.

To learn more about the Trade Adjustment Assistance program and who may apply, contact Heidi Carlson at heidi.carlson@alaska.gov or **907.465.1805**, or visit doleta.gov/tradeact.

*Funding for the Trade Adjustment Assistance program depends on availability.

UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT ONLINE

If you need to update your name, address, phone number or email on your Employment Security Contribution account, visit

labor.alaska.gov/estax/home.htm

Click on the "On-Line Employer Services" link to access and update your account.

**Second Quarter Employment Security
Contribution Reports and Payments are due July 31.**

We are an equal opportunity employer/program.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.