

## Unemployment Update 1-29-21

One month down of 2021. Here is what we know about unemployment.

Louisiana has started sending out the 1099-G tax documents. **IF YOU CLAIMED UNEMPLOYMENT, you MUST file this form on your 2020 taxes.** They are available online and will also be mailed to you. You might not be able to match up the amounts due to the extensions wiping out your original 26 week claim records. Hopefully you made a copy of that and emailed it to yourself or saved it in a document. Remember they include the Louisiana portion as well as the Federal stimulus amounts. If you receive one that you do not think you should have, there is a second email that tells you how to report the issues to LWC and to the government for your taxes.

### Benefit Control Audits and Identity Verifications

There seems to be a direct correlation between the date the Identity Verification Confirmation emails are sent and the date of the Benefit Control Audit. Hopefully following these steps will help clear these up.

If you received an email that confirms your identification was uploaded, log into your HiRE account and look at the Documents section. Make sure your documents are there. For some reason they are not always showing up. If they are not there, follow these steps.

Please upload your Driver's License (front and back), social security card, and a selfie of you holding both documents using the attached instructions. Make sure the Driver's License that you upload is the same that you used when you filed your claim. Also make sure the images are as clear as possible and that the numbers can be clearly seen in the selfie image.

Once you are done with that, you can email them this statement to [ldproof@lwc.la.gov](mailto:ldproof@lwc.la.gov) Fill in your name and phone number as it is listed on your claim. Do not email your documents. Just the statement below putting your name and phone number in where listed.

*(name) have uploaded my requested identity verification. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (phone number)*

I just sent a lengthy email to LWC about the frustrations of Benefit Control Audits, investigations, and disqualifying determinations. Hopefully they will clear up soon. A couple of people have had theirs clear up, but it is really slow going. I wish there was more I could do to push them forward. Watch your mail and your email for information requests.

**Have you taken your COVID-19 course?** This is a requirement in the Return to Work policy and productions are asking for a copy of your certificate. If you haven't taken it yet, PLEASE do so. You might not need it today, but you could for the next show you are on.

**C19 – COVID Online Safety Class** – Productions are really clamping down on making sure everyone has taken this required class. It is only 45 minutes and please take the time now to do it before it prevents you from working!

- If you need a CSATF portal account so you can take the required C19 course, apply for one as soon as possible using the link below. Register your account as soon as you receive your PIN and take the course before you report to work. When you [click on the link you will be directed to an online application.](#) Once you receive your PIN from Contract Services, make sure to register your account right away. (check your SPAM/JUNK Mail for that PIN email)

[CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT A C19 COVID 19 PREVENTION COURSE APPLICATION ONLINE IF YOU NEED A TTF CONTRACT SERVICES PORTAL ACCOUNT →](#)

- If you already have a TTF Contract Services portal account (the one you used to take your A, A2 and HP courses), the course is already there. [Just log in to your existing registered account and complete the course before you report back to work. →](#)