

Unemployment Benefits Exhausted – 9-21-20 UPDATE

This is the week most of you are hitting the monetary exhaustion of your benefits. Please see the attached instructions (2 parts) of how to refile to extend your claim. This will be a 13 week extension. IT IS SUPER IMPORTANT you copy what is in your file and email it to yourself BEFORE you start refiling your claim. When you refile, you will NO LONGER be able to see any of that information. If when you refile, you get to the end and have an error screen, you are probably ok. This is on page 13 of part 2.

These extensions and refiling after working are subject to a 15 day waiting period.

Mississippi and Alabama, please let me know how extensions are working for you. I don't have one that has hit exhaustion yet.

Monetary Redeterminations – Louisiana had a computer error that sent out Monetary Redeterminations and collection letters. I think they have cleared these up and removed them. If you have this at the bottom of your Claim Summary, you are fine. If there is something in the **Total Outstanding Balance** email me immediately sect@iatse478.org . If you filed an appeal, and your amount is now ZERO, you should go in and remove the appeal. You can also disregard the letters stating you needed to repay this amount back.

Overpayment Summary
Overpayment Summary
Overpayment Amount Summary
Overpayment Amount Summary

Below is a summary of overpayments to your benefit claim. An overpayment results when more funds were dispersed than you were eligible for.

Total Overpaid Amount:

\$16,128.00 (Principal: \$16,128.00, Penalty: \$0.00)

Total Amount Recovered:

\$0.00 (Offset: \$0.00, Reimbursement: \$0.00)

Total Amount Cancelled:

\$16,128.00

Total Amount Waived:

\$0.00

Total Amount Written Off:

\$0.00

Total Amount Refunded / Pending:

\$0.00 / \$0.00

Total Outstanding Balance:

\$0.00 (Principal: \$0.00, Penalty: \$0.00)

Total Assessed Balance:

\$0.00 (Principal: \$0.00, Penalty: \$0.00)

Total Number of Overpaid Weeks:

0

\$300 – For Louisiana, some people can see the \$300 amount in their account, most cannot. We don't know why. The additional \$300 for Louisiana is for weeks ending 8/1, 8/8/, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, and 9/5. This is 6 weeks. If you received more than \$1800 or

\$1620 if taxes are taken out, put that additional amount aside if possible and know that you will possibly be asked to give it back in the near future. Same if you worked one of those weeks and got the additional \$300 anyway. I think they finally caught up on most of them, especially now that they are not issuing it anymore.

The Mississippi website lists they only did additional \$300 for 3 weeks. First payments are starting to pay on 9/19, but I don't see it posted yet if it posts.

The Alabama website lists they were authorized for 4 weeks 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 and started paying those on 9/3.

Return to work – if you have returned to work, you can either file that you earned wages and are still employed, or you can just stop filing. IF YOU WORK, be sure to say you are still employed. Reopening a claim is subject to a 15 day waiting period before they will start releasing funds. If you work on a commercial or a short term project, DO NOT CHOOSE LAYOFF – you must choose STILL EMPLOYED unless you are given something to document you are laid off. It is the only way to avoid the 15 day waiting periods. We cannot get these waived.

If you received a check for testing only before you returned to work and it was in a week you claimed you did not work, IT IS OKAY. Payroll companies are posting these as testing payments and as they are testing and not work, you have not done anything wrong for your unemployment. It is a part of your job search. There is also not a final word on negotiations about testing payments. As soon as we have word, Cory will send it out.

Keep Filing

While the weekly amount may be small, you never know when Congress will get their act together and pass additional relief, so keep filing the weekly certifications. Please continue to reach out to Congress urging them to pass additional Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. You might not need it, but one of your fellow IA family does and so do many other workers who want nothing more than to return to work.