Unemployment Update 4/16/20:

Hopefully, those accessing the Louisiana Unemployment site have seen many improvements over the last several days. They have had a lot of ups and downs but are doing an amazing job processing all of these claims. Still no clear payments of the 4/4 extra \$600. A few have shown up, but I think I can count the ones I have seen on one hand.

If you have not filed your weekly certification for week ending 4/11, PLEASE do so before NOON Tomorrow, Friday, April 17th so if you have issues, we can try to get them addressed before the end of the work day. Yes, you do have until Saturday night at 11:59pm to get them filed, but I would like a few hours off the computer this weekend and would like to make sure you are all taken care of.

If you are still in severance limbo, we are still working on it. Try to file a weekly certification if you have not filed the one for week ending 4/11. If it makes you open a new claim then do it. Just follow the instructions. You only must add the past couple of weeks. Put your last day worked as the last day the relief checks covered. For most people that is 3/28 or 4/4. Some people who think they are in Severance limbo are not really (the system fixed it, but we cannot see it) and it is letting us fill out the week ending 4/4 as well as the 4/11 claims. Try filing a weekly claim.

If you have a PENSION issue on your Claim Summary – please email me and let me know which payroll company it is for. I have a statement that I can send to get them to clear the issue. I am trying to do one blanket one, but don't know if they can process it that way.

As for those checks from the IRS. Many people have seen them start to hit their bank accounts. This amount does NOT need to be reported on your unemployment claim. Want to know how much you are getting or when to expect it? Check Here https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment You can also update your address or give them some additional information that may be needed to process you return. Remember filing your 2019 taxes was pushed to July 15, just 90 days away.

REMEMBER – THE IRS WILL NOT CALL YOU, SEND YOU EMAIL, TEXT YOU!

I do still have some emails marked as unread that I must get back to, but if you emailed and I have not addressed your issue yet, please let me know. Sometimes I get pulled onto another part of these unemployment issues and do not realize I didn't finish the other one (or I think I did).

Hopefully, many of you saw the emails from Adriane about the training classes we are going to be offering over ZOOM. They are filling fast (might be almost full) but watch for more opportunities. Also, please take some time to do the online courses offered through the Training Trust.

Stay safe and healthy! If you look in my signature, you can see I got a new

"credential" today from one of the members. If you haven't filed for unemployment yet, let's get you filed. Email me and we will set up a time to get it done.

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