

Unemployment Update 4-28-21

It is wonderful to see so many of you headed back to work. If you are still out of work, please get on the availability list by emailing Rachel rmasa@iatse478.org or reporting it online.

For those of you still struggling with unemployment issues, please take a look at this list of things to see if there is a solution here or something that can easily be taken care of. The list of problems is dwindling. Yay!

FYI, I will be out of town and on vacation April 30 – May 10th so anything that does not get cleared up before I leave, will be tackled when I return.

Do you have a Six times WBA or 3/13 Highest Quarter in your Outstanding Claim issues? - email sect@iatse478.org with your username and I can ask for it to be cleared. This will keep payments from being released until it is processed.

If you are back to work, STOP FILING WEEKLY CERTIFICATIONS – if you are only day playing occasionally, then be sure to follow the attached instructions – list yourself as STILL EMPLOYED when reporting your work, otherwise you have to start the claim process over and you may end up missing a week of unemployment. Remember, only answer the red stars when giving information. It is also best if you can wait until your paystub comes in so you can appropriately list the payment.

IF YOU TEST the week before you work, you must report those as wages, or make that the point to STOP FILING. Remember, this is a change from before.

Investigations - if you had an investigation that you responded to, but did not clear up, they seem to be clearing them when you file to open a new claim.

Does this pop up when you sign into HiRE because of **penalties on your account**?

There is a current overpayment on your account, this may affect your eligibility for benefits.

Click here to make your payment

If so, I'm sending a list in to try to get them to clear these penalties. Mostly they should not have been there in the first place. Email sect@iatse478.org with your username and password so I can see exactly what is going on and try to get those cleared off your account.

Look in your **message center**. Do you have a message titled this? **SUBJECT: Notification of 21/90 Days to Provide Documentation**

This mostly being sent to those who only receive \$107 per week. Be sure to follow up on it. You will need to provide documentation that you had a job when COVID shut things down. This is done by providing pay stubs or other items as listed in the message. You can upload them to the Document section of HiRE, or the Provide Specific Documents section under unemployment.

Same thing with uploading **identification**. Document section or Provide Specific Documents. – if it hasn't been verified yet, expect it to need to be. 1. Front of Driver's License 2. Back of Driver's License 3. Selfie holding driver's license 4. SS Card or W2 with social on it.

If you have a **LACK OF WORK** or **LAYOFF** issue on your claim, expect to have to wait out the 14-21 days for the employer to

respond / not respond before the claim will start paying out. No way around this one.

Those are the words of wisdom for the week. See all y'all May 10th. Stay safe, wash you hands, wear your masks, and get your shots if you haven't already.