



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
LANSING

STEVEN H. HILFINGER
DIRECTOR

OFFICIAL

E-mailed: 4/8/11 (tk)

Bureau of Workforce Transformation (BWT)
Policy Issuance (PI): 06-31, Change 5

Date: April 7, 2011

To: Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) Directors

From: Liza Estlund Olson, Director, Bureau of Workforce Transformation
SIGNED

Subject: Criteria for Obtaining a Waiver of Unemployment Insurance (UI) Eligibility Requirements

Programs Affected: All Wagner-Peyser (7a) Funded Programs

References: Michigan Employment Security Act, September 2005,
Section 421.28 (2) a, b, c, d, e, and (3)

U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 2-09, August 26, 2009

The Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 (Public Law 105-220)

The WIA of 1998

Rescissions: None

Background: In order for a UI claimant to continue to collect unemployment benefits while attending training or school, the claimant must be available for and seeking full-time work. A claimant who is not available and seeking work due to enrollment in training may have those requirements waived if the training meets the criteria outlined in this PI. Waivers of eligibility requirements exempt claimants from the requirement that they be available and seeking full-time work each week.

DELEG is an equal opportunity employer/program.
Auxiliary aids, services and other reasonable accommodations are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

BUREAU OF WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION
VICTOR OFFICE CENTER • 201 N. WASHINGTON SQUARE, 5TH FLOOR • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48913
www.michigan.gov/dleg • (517) 335-5858 • TTY 1-888-605-6722

The purpose of this policy change is to clarify that requests are to be resubmitted for each semester that the recipient wishes to obtain a waiver, as required by the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA).

Policy: In order to request a waiver of UI eligibility, forms DELEG/BWT 311 (Rev. 4/2010) and DELEG/BWT 311-S (Rev. 4/2010) must be completed and sent by the MWA, along with any supporting documentation, to: UIA, P.O. Box 169, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501-0169, or faxed to (517) 636-0427. Please do not fax and mail.

Both forms must be resubmitted for each semester that the recipient wishes to obtain a waiver, along with proof of class registration.

If a claimant changes his/her course of study, both forms DELEG/BWT 311 and DELEG/BWT 311-S must be resubmitted, along with proof of registration in the new course of study.

Action: MWAs should immediately begin to submit the required UI eligibility waiver documentation as described in this PI for those individuals seeking such a waiver. All other requirements of DELEG/BWT PI 06-31, issued April 5, 2007 and subsequent changes remain in effect.

Inquiries: Questions regarding this policy issuance should be directed to your Wagner-Peyser/Welfare Reform state coordinator at (517) 335-5858.

MWAs or UI claimants seeking the status of a UI eligibility waiver may call 1-866-500-0017 and press option 3 for a customer service representative.

The information contained in this policy issuance will be made available in alternative format (large type, audio tape, etc.) upon special request to this office.

Expiration

Date: None

LEO:MD:dm