



## Unemployment Insurance Update

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RECENT CHANGES (House Bill 1379 and Policy Directive DWD 2008-44)

**There has been no change with regard to the “work search waivers” for unemployment insurance claimants attached to union hiring halls.**

Registration with a union hiring hall fulfills the unemployment insurance requirement of the work search requirements. Building Trades members will NOT have to complete the additional one application and two work searches each week, provided that they sign the out-of-work list at the hall.

**Building Trades Members have unlimited waiver from reporting on their work search to the unemployment office.**

Signing the book at the union hall constitutes a continuous “work search.” Therefore, the reporting waiver is NOT limited to 60 days for the Union Building Trades.

Building Trades members should not enter an expected return date when completing their UI paperwork. Entering a return date will trigger the 60-day limit on the reporting waiver.

**The WorkOne Office can continue to require that a Building Trades member show that he is a member in good standing.**

To be eligible for the work search waiver, a Building Trades member can be asked to show that he is a union member in good standing. Building Trades members should carry their dues receipt with them to present to the WorkOne Office.

**ALL claimants will be required to complete a résumé on the Indiana Career Connect web site.**

To be registered for unemployment insurance, the Department of Workforce Development is requiring ALL claimants to file a résumé on line after filing their initial claim. Claimants who fail to create a résumé within the first four weeks of filing for unemployment will be denied UI benefits.

*The new law, and accompanying policy directive, took effect July 1, 2009, with little notice to the local WorkOne Centers. We may have to bear with the WorkOne Centers for a couple weeks while changes are clarified by the central office in Indianapolis.*

*On the back of this sheet is a Frequently Asked Questions sheet that DWD put out on its web site regarding the new changes. You may have to show it to the local WorkOne Office if you have problems with your claim.*