



Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

News Release

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Claimants Should Continue to Certify for Unemployment Compensation Benefits

MONTGOMERY – Following passage of a bill to reinstate unemployment compensation benefit extensions, Alabama Department of Industrial Relations Director Tom Surtees issued the following statement:

“All claimants who exhausted any portion of their unemployment compensation benefits following the June 5 expiration date should continue to file their weekly certification, either online or by phone. DIR is beginning to process both future claims and those that are retroactive to June 5. We assure you this will be a smooth and efficient process, but it will take several days to implement. Please be patient as we work to get claims paid as quickly as possible.”

Claimants can certify (which simply means notifying DIR that one is still unemployed and available for full-time work) online at www.dir.alabama.gov or by calling 1-800-752-7389.

DIR estimates approximately 37,000 Alabamians have exhausted federal extension tiers since June 5.

Those who have already exhausted the maximum of 99 weeks will not be eligible for additional compensation. The new legislation does not provide for continuation of the FAC (Federal Additional Compensation) in the amount of \$25.00 per week for new claims filed after May 30, 2010.

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Members of the media needing more information should contact Public Information Officer Tara Hutchison at (334) 242-8616.