



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §84-907, notice is given of a public hearing to be held before the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska Department of Labor, 500 South 16th Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska on September 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The NDOL will receive testimony and evidence concerning the adoption of proposed amendments regarding unemployment insurance benefits:

- 219 NAC 2 – Claims for Benefits
- 219 NAC 4 – Claimant's Availability / Work Search Requirements
- 219 NAC 20 – Extended Benefits

219 NAC 2 amends the due date for filing a weekly claim for unemployment insurance benefits from Friday to Saturday following the most recent week ending date. Removes unnecessary language.

219 NAC 4 makes permanent the emergency regulation for work search requirements for claiming unemployment benefits that were instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Clarifies and expands the work search requirements for unemployment insurance benefit eligibility.

219 NAC 20 makes permanent the emergency regulation definition of work search requirements for extended benefits that were instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A draft of the Regulations and their Fiscal Impact Statements may be obtained at the office of the Secretary of State, Regulations Division, Room 343, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, telephone number (402) 471-2385, or by contacting the NDOL at (402) 471-9912. Copies will also be available at the public hearing.

Interested persons may attend and testify at the hearing. Written comments may be submitted to the NDOL, Office of Legal Counsel, and P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600 up to three days prior to the date of this hearing.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at this hearing, please call (402) 471-9912.

JOHN H. ALBIN
Nebraska Commissioner of Labor

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Agency:	Nebraska Department of Labor		
Title:	219	Prepared by:	Katie S. Thurber
Chapter:	20	Date prepared:	July 28, 2020
Subject:	Extended Benefits	Telephone:	402.471.9912

Type of Fiscal Impact:

	State Agency	Political Sub.	Regulated Public
No Fiscal Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased Costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decreased Costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decreased Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indeterminable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide an Estimated Cost & Description of Impact:

State Agency: n/a

Political Subdivision: n/a

Regulated Public: n/a

If indeterminable, explain why: n/a

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LAST UPDATED: July 12, 2020 (via emergency)

TITLE 219 - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CHAPTER 20 - EXTENDED BENEFITS

001. This chapter is adopted pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §48-628.15

002. As used in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-628.15(5), a systematic and sustained effort to obtain work means:

A. Five reemployment activities completed per benefit week. At least three of a claimant's five reemployment activities each benefit week shall be applications for permanent employment. Each application for employment shall be for suitable work as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-628.15(5). Applications for suitable work shall be made in a method accepted by the employer.

B. The following items will count as a reemployment activity as used in paragraph 002(A) above:

1. Conducting work searches using Internet job banks as well as professional/trade publications (the URL for the site searched and the date the web site was accessed shall be provided to the Department of Labor).
2. Applying to a job posting through the Nebraska Department of Labor's web application for reemployment services (NEworks.nebraska.gov).
3. Applying to a job posting through an Internet job bank or directly through an employer's website (proof of the date of application and job applied for shall be provided to the Department of Labor).
4. Attending a resume writing class for the purpose of preparing or revising a resume for submission to a job posting.
5. Attending job seeking skills classes, workshops, or job clubs.
6. Meeting with a career counselor.
7. Taking a civil service exam.
8. Taking a pre-employment exam, at the request of an employer.
9. Visiting an employer's place of business to fill out a job application.