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RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN WORKREADY MISSOURI

WorkReady Missouri was created to allow individuals receiving unemployment insurance (UI) benefits to participate in skills training offered through the Missouri Division of Workforce Development (DWD). This training is conducted at the actual worksite of a business or other organization that is participating in WorkReady Missouri. Participation in WorkReady Missouri does not affect an individual's eligibility for UI benefits.

While participating in WorkReady Missouri, you still must be able to work, available to work, and continue to actively seek full-time employment. You will continue to file your weekly certifications (claims) for UI benefits by telephone or Internet. The following information will help you complete your weekly certifications (claims) while participating in WorkReady Missouri:

- When asked if you worked during the previous week, answer "No" unless you worked and received wages from an employer other than the business or other organization participating in WorkReady Missouri.
- You will receive a small stipend from the DWD to cover expenses incurred while participating in WorkReady Missouri. This stipend is not considered earnings and should not be reported on your weekly certification (claim) for UI benefits.
- If you participated in WorkReady Missouri during the claim week, you must answer "Yes" to the question "Did you attend school or training during the week?"
- You must continue to make the required number of work search contacts during any weeks you participate in WorkReady Missouri and you must indicate the number of contacts you made when you file your weekly certification (claim) for UI benefits.

It is not necessary to contact your Regional Claims Center (RCC) regarding enrollment in this training program. Your local Missouri DWD Career Center will forward information concerning your WorkReady Missouri enrollment to the Division of Employment Security.

If you have any questions about your UI benefits while participating in WorkReady Missouri, please contact your RCC by telephone.

Regional Claims Centers

Jefferson City..... 573-751-9040
Kansas City..... 816-889-3101
Springfield..... 417-895-6851
St. Louis..... 314-340-4950
All Other Areas..... 800-320-2519