UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS APPLICATION PROCESS

As COVID-19 grows, so does unemployment. Due to COVID-19, many individuals have become unemployed and are unable to work. Many employers and individuals are concerned about the future of their business and what to do next. An option that can assist individuals with no work is to file for unemployment benefits.

APPLICATION DETAILS INCLUDE:

1. **INFORMATION NEEDED:** Social Security Card/Number, Drivers license or Government issued ID, Alien Registration if not a registered US Citizen, and the last 18 months of employment information. These 18 months should include the employers name and contact information, dates worked, gross earnings, and reason for separation. Most of this information can be found on your W-2 or pay stub.

2. **APPLY ONLINE:** To apply for unemployment benefits, please visit www.GetKansasBenefits.gov. On this site, you can view FAQs, video tutorials, file your application, file weekly claims, and a benefits calculator to see an estimated benefits total. As there are high amounts of inquiries to KDOL every day, please be patient with the system and phone lines.

3. **BENEFITS:** The amount that the individual will earn through unemployment benefits is based on what was previously earned. Typically, an individual can earn up to $122-$488 per week. Through KDOL, the max number of weeks an individual can receive benefits is 26 weeks.

4. **AFTER FILING:** After your application has been processed, you will receive a monetary determination to show benefit amounts according to submitted information. To continue to receive weekly benefits, you must file weekly claims, be able and available to work, be actively seeking work, and keep track of work searches and activities. A work search log can be found at https://www.getkansasbenefits.gov/Files/PDF/kben987.pdf. After filing, you will be automatically registered through KANSASWORKS to help with finding a job.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- KDOL COVID-19 Response Website - https://www.dol.ks.gov/covid19response?fbclid=IwAR3UPandA3NpPsz5b0FotPfZAjOm3A226IQ-peDFIc7jnI3Ygru1ivL_5Us
- Unemployment Benefits - https://www.getkansasbenefits.gov/Home.aspx
- Unemployment Benefit forms - https://www.getkansasbenefits.gov/Forms.aspx
- File by Spreadsheet - https://www.kansasemployer.gov/uitax/Tax/LayoffSelect.aspx
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