



## 2021 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SEMINAR SERIES

The Office of UC Service Centers provides seminars to organizations free of charge. Join the PA CareerLink® Berks County for one, or all, of the following sessions. All sessions start at 9:00 a.m. and will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. The duration is estimated and depends upon the number of questions asked by those in attendance.

### **Wednesday, May 5: Overview of Pandemic Federal Unemployment Programs (75 minutes)**

This UC Seminar includes a PowerPoint presentation on information that you should know and actions you should take concerning the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the newly enacted American Recovery Act (ARA) of 2021. This includes how they interact with the regular Unemployment Compensation (UC), and the State Extended Benefits (EB) programs.

### **Wednesday, June 2: Unemployment Compensation 101 (75 minutes)**

If you are a new employer or have an employee responsible for handling unemployment compensation's requests for information, then this seminar is for you. We will show you the forms that an employer may receive when a claim is opened, how they are used to determine the claimant's eligibility and to protect the employer's liability, discuss the specific time frame to respond to these forms and the importance of responding timely.

### **Wednesday, July 7: Separation Issues (60 to 90 minutes)**

Many employers and claimants have difficulty understanding the process UC uses to determine an employee's eligibility for benefits after voluntarily leaving or being discharged from a job. This presentation explains how the service center discovers the person quit or was discharged, the fact-finding process, burden of proof, the factors that are considered when making a determination, and appeal rights.

### **Wednesday, August 4: Relief from Charges (75 minutes)**

Employers are concerned about controlling their UC costs. One of the ways to control these costs is to file for relief from charges. This presentation explains what is relief from charges, which employers are eligible to file for it, how the employers are notified that their account may be charged, how to file for relief from charges, how separation issues affect the employer's eligibility for relief, and appeal rights.

### **Wednesday, September 1: Shared Work (90 minutes)**

**Shared Work:** This UC Seminar includes a PowerPoint presentation on the Shared Work Program. Shared Work is a program that allows an employer to temporarily reduce the work hours of a group of employees as an alternate to a layoff. Employees covered under a Shared Work plan receive a percentage of their weekly benefit amount while working a reduced schedule.

### **Wednesday, October 6: Suitable Work (90 minutes)**

**Suitable Work:** The UC Service Center is often contacted about what to do when a person refuses work. This presentation explains the application of Section 402(a) of the PA UC Law (Refusal of Suitable Work). Discussion includes the employer's responsibilities regarding notification that a job offer has been made to both the Claimant and the service center, the factors used in suitable work determinations and appeal rights.

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