IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Benefit program will end on December 29, 2012.

No benefits beyond regular unemployment (UI) will be available after December 29, 2012, unless Congress passes new law that includes an extension of the EUC program.

Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits are additional federal benefits provided beyond the up to 26 weeks of regular state administered benefits.

Please be advised that under current federal law, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program will be terminated at the end of December. The Vermont Department of Labor (VDOL) will have no funding or authority to continue to pay EUC benefits for any weeks after the week of December 23-29, even if a UI claimant has EUC money remaining in their UI account.

If Congress votes to continue the program, VDOL will automatically notify each person who was in active claim status when the EUC program ended.

The Department has posted some questions and answers that may provide answers to your questions and additional information. You also may contact the Department of Labor Claims Center at 877-214-3332 (toll-free) with questions about your claim.

UI Claimants are required to engage in weekly work search activities that demonstrate sincere efforts to find suitable employment. The Department is actively checking claimants' work search reports, and if misrepresentation of work search efforts is discovered, a claimant will be disqualified from benefits for that week(s) and may be found to have been overpaid benefits, and required to repay overpaid benefits to the Department.

If you are unemployed, you may likely need assistance with your resume, interview skills, identifying job openings, and job placement. The Department of Labor's regional Career Resource Centers provide Vermonters with free, professional assistance, matching job seekers with job openings. Click here for a list of the Department of Labor's Resource Centers and other information.

If you need help with housing, food, medical care or other essentials, please dial 2-1-1 or visit www.Vermont211.org.