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DETR Provides Guidance for DHS Employees Affected by Federal Government Shutdown

Carson City, NV — The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) is providing guidance for Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employees and contractors who have been furloughed or are working without pay because of the ongoing federal government shutdown. Impacted workers may be eligible to apply for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits to help offset lost wages during the shutdown period.

“Our goal is to ensure that every affected worker has clear information about available resources,” said DETR Director Christopher Sewell. “We want DHS employees to know that help is accessible and that they should not hesitate to apply if their income has been disrupted.”

Eligibility for Unemployment Benefits

- Federal employees who have been furloughed may be eligible for UI benefits.
- Federal employees who are working without pay may also apply; eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis under state and federal guidelines.
- Federal contractors may be eligible depending on the terms of their employment and loss of income.
- Final benefit determinations are made after review of each individual claim, consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

How to Apply

Impacted DHS employees can file an unemployment claim through the State of Nevada’s unemployment portal at nui.nv.gov. Federally furloughed or unpaid TSA workers are waived from work-search requirements.

Returning to Work and Overpayments

Once the shutdown ends and employees receive back pay, they will be required to repay UI benefits for any weeks in which back pay covers the period of unemployment.

Support and Assistance

Claimants with questions may visit nui.nv.gov for additional information, resources, and guidance.

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ABOUT DETR:

The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development agency. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through EmployNV and in cooperation with its community partners.