



Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MDCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: June 29, 2023

Subject: **Change in Maximum Allowable UI Benefit Weeks**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of the change in maximum allowable unemployment insurance (UI) benefit weeks from 30 weeks to 26 weeks.

Background: Recently, the twelve-month average unemployment rate in all measured metropolitan areas in Massachusetts reached 5.1% or lower. The Massachusetts Unemployment Insurance statute, G.L. c. 151A, §30(a), provides that if the twelve-month average unemployment rate is equal to or below 5.1% in all measured metropolitan areas, there is an automatic adjustment to the maximum allowable benefit period for new unemployment claims from 30 to 26 weeks.

Action

Requested: Please share with all appropriate managers, staff, partners and customers.

Effective: UI claims filed on or after July 2, 2023

Attachment: FAQ – Change in Maximum Allowable UI Benefit Weeks