

RECENT STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

Unemployment Reporting Requirements Suspended | Executive Order [20-104](#) | In response to a letter from the U.S. Department of Labor that gives suspension authority to states in response to COVID-19, the Governor has suspended the requirement for unemployment claimants to report that they are “seeking work.” The requirement, controlled by Sec. 443.111(1)(b), Florida statutes, normally requires claimants to affirm, via bi-weekly reporting, that they are seeking work as a condition to continue to receive the benefits. The combination of actions by the U.S. Department of Labor and Governor Desantis suspends this requirement while Executive Order 20-52 is in effect. Other reporting requirements, namely: ability and availability for work, that suitable work has not been refused, and any earnings from work that a claimant was able to secure, must still be reported. Staying the “seeking work” reporting requirement will ensure benefits will continue while social distancing is required and until business open back up, thereby creating opportunities for employment.