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Unemployment Insurance Recipients Urged to Continue Filing Weekly EUC Claims *Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program to Expire January 1, 2014*

Carson City, NV —The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) will begin sending letters to unemployment insurance recipients directing them to continue filing their weekly claims for federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC), even though the extended benefit program expires at the end of 2013.

Congress has reached a budget agreement that does not include extending EUC benefits at this time. As a result, about 17,000 Nevadans currently receiving EUC will be abruptly cut off. Each week, another 800 claimants who are receiving regular unemployment, which allows for a maximum of 26 weeks, will exhaust their benefits and not be able to move to the EUC program, said Renee Olson, administrator for DETR's Employment Security Division. There are just over 27,000 people on the regular unemployment benefits program.

The last week payable for EUC benefits is December 28, 2013, which means those claimants on EUC will stop receiving benefits even if they still have balances remaining on their claims, Olson said.

“We are directing claimants to file their weekly claims until February 1, 2014 so that benefits can be paid as quickly as possible if Congress does vote in favor of extending the EUC program, Olson said. “We recognize how unfortunate these circumstances are for our clients who are still suffering the effects of the recession. However, we have no alternative at the state level but to terminate benefits as directed if the federal program does indeed expire.”

DETR Director Frank Woodbeck urges jobseekers to take advantage of the employment services at the Nevada JobConnect offices statewide.

“Each year the EUC program expires and Congress votes whether to continue it. The program is meant to provide much needed temporary emergency help for those citizens who still have not been able to find employment,” Woodbeck said. “Our ultimate goal is to help jobseekers with training and job placement services so they will not have to depend long term on unemployment benefits.”

Additional information on services for job seekers may be found online at www.nevadajobconnect.com and www.jobcentral.com/nv. Information on local support services may be obtained by calling 211; this is a centralized number for social support service directories.

Claimants are encouraged to visit www.expressclaim.org for updates on the status of the EUC program, as representatives in Telephone Claim Centers will not be able to answer questions or provide any further information.



DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, the Information Development and Processing Division and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices.