Reinstatement of Work Search Requirement

- Claimants must be able to work, available for work, and actively searching for work each week to maintain their eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.
- From March 2020 to July 2021, claimants were exempt from the work search requirement due to the economic downturn resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The work search exemption ended Saturday, July 3, 2021, for Regular UI claimants.**

**Effective Sunday, July 4, 2021, all Regular UI claimants must actively search for work. Claimant work search requirements are listed below.**

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### Register with MWE

Claimants must register with the [Maryland Workforce Exchange (MWE)](https://mwe.md.gov). This is a one-time requirement. To complete the registration:
- Obtain a username/password;
- Complete required questions;
- Create and upload a resume that is viewable to employers;
- And maintain an up-to-date resume in MWE.

### Complete Reemployment Activities Weekly

Each week, claimants must complete at least three **valid reemployment activities**, which must include at least one job contact. Examples of valid reemployment activities include work search and required RESEA/ROW workshops.

### Submit Activities in MWE Weekly

Claimants must **submit at least three valid reemployment activities**, including at least one job contact, each week in the Work Search Log located in MWE. Benefits may be delayed or denied if activities are not submitted.