

## The Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Program

The RESEA Program is a program funded by the US Department of Labor to help Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants return to work faster. Permanently separated claimants are required to participate in the RESEA program.

Once you have received your first unemployment check, you will receive notification to participate in the RESEA program. Failure to cooperate with the RESEA program requirements will result in a delay or loss of your unemployment benefits. Over a 5-week period, you will be required to attend a Career Center Seminar (CCS) – call 508-513-3400 – and

1. Return to the Career Center for an “**REA Review**,” by your deadline date.
2. Register on [www.mass.gov/jobquest](http://www.mass.gov/jobquest) - the state’s website for job postings.
3. Complete and show us your Work Search Activity Log for each week you have collected benefits. You must either **apply** for or **research** three jobs each week on three different days. The following are examples of job searching techniques:
  - **Networking**: Every time you ask a friend, former co-worker, relative or neighbor if they have heard of any job openings.
  - **Walk-in**: Walk into a company and inquire if they are hiring, and apply if possible.
  - **Web**: Internet job research, or complete an on-line application or emailing a resume.
  - **Job Fair**: Attend a job fair.
  - **Telephone**: Call potential employers inquiring about job openings.
  - **Mail**: Mail a resume.
  - **Newspaper**: Search and/or apply for jobs via “help wanted.”
  - **Interview**: Interview a job search, either by phone or in person.
  - **Career Center visit**: Attend a workshop or use the Center’s Resource Room.
4. Create a resume and cover letter.
5. Research your occupation labor market information (LMI) on **one** of the following sites and tell us whether there is a bright outlook:
  - [www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org)
  - [www.myskillsmyfuture.org](http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org)
  - <https://masscis.intocareers.org/>
  - [www.mass.gov/jobquest](http://www.mass.gov/jobquest) and use the TORQ link: <http://web.detma.org/JobQuest/TorqHelp.aspx>
  - O\*Net: [www.onetonline.org/](http://www.onetonline.org/)
  - America’s Career Information Network: [www.acinet.org/occ\\_intro.asp](http://www.acinet.org/occ_intro.asp)
  - US Bureau of Labor & Statistics- click on Publications tab at top of home page, and then click on Occupational Outlook Handbook [www.bls.gov/](http://www.bls.gov/)
6. At the REA Review, register for a future workshop or return visit to the career center, sometime **after** your REA Review.

We must determine whether or not you are able and available for work, and eligible to continue to collect UI benefits. These tasks help us with that determination. Also, these requirements will help you with your job search and provide the opportunity to find suitable employment.

Each participant has a deadline date, which is 5-weeks from the receipt of their first check, to complete the REA program. If one goes beyond that deadline date, unemployment benefits will be sanctioned and will not be reinstated until the program is complete.