



APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION

Docket number: 25 0855 **Hearing date:** December 17, 2025

CLAIMANT:

JEREMIAH WILD
[REDACTED]
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CLAIMANT APPEARANCES:

Jeremiah Wild

DETS APPEARANCES:

None

CASE HISTORY

The claimant timely appealed an October 27, 2025, determination which denied benefits under AS 23.20.378 and 8 AAC 85.350-351. The issue is whether the claimant met the registration requirements to be considered available for full-time work.

FINDINGS OF FACT

On October 12, 2025, the claimant established a claim for unemployment insurance benefits effective that date. The claimant was advised during the online application process of the requirement to register for work and post a résumé on the Division's AlaskaJobs website within seven days or benefits would be denied. The claimant did not believe that the requirement applied to him, as he was laid off due to a lack of work and he expected to return to work when his employer resumed work. He was told by his supervisor that the break in work would be "a couple of months." The claimant recalled other workers saying that it was not required to post a résumé or search for work when a worker expected to return to work for the same employer.

On October 14, 2025, the Division mailed a notice to the claimant's address of record which advised the claimant of the requirement to register for work and post a résumé on the Division's AlaskaJobs website within seven days. The claimant was not sure if he received the notice or not. He held that his mail box was shared with other family members and mail might have been misplaced.

The claimant noted that he was not receiving benefits as expected after filing, so he attempted to contact the Division's claim center by phone. The claim

center phones were very busy, and the claimant called a few times each week and waited on hold. At one point, the claimant left his phone number and requested that a representative call him back. The claimant did not recall receiving a call back. Eventually, the claimant got through to a representative by phone on November 24, 2024. The claimant's benefit claim was re-opened effective November 23, 2025. The claimant was advised he was required to post a résumé online and he had a seven-day window to get his résumé posted on the Division's website. The claimant posted his résumé on December 1, 2025.

PROVISIONS OF LAW

AS 23.20.378 provides, in part:

- (a) An insured worker is entitled to receive waiting-week credit or benefits for a week of unemployment if for that week the insured worker is able to work and available for suitable work....

8 AAC 85.350 provides, in part:

- (b) A claimant is considered available for suitable work for a week if the claimant
 - (1) registers for work as required under 8 AAC 85.351;
 - (2) makes independent efforts to find work as directed under 8 AAC 85.352 and 8 AAC 85.355;
 - (3) meets the requirements of 8 AAC 85.353 during periods of travel;
 - (4) meets the requirements of 8 AAC 85.356 while in training;
 - (5) is willing to accept and perform suitable work which the claimant does not have good cause to refuse;
 - (6) is available, for at least five working days in the week to respond promptly to an offer of suitable work; and
 - (7) is available for a substantial amount of full-time employment.

8 AAC 85.351 provides:

- (a) a claimant who files a claim for benefits in a state that acts as agent in taking claims for benefits held by this state shall register for work in accordance with the statutes, regulations, and procedures of the state in which the claim is filed.
- (b) a claimant who files for benefits in this state shall register for work as required by AS 23.20 and this section. An active placement registration for work in this state means the claimant has registered with the labor exchange system operated by the division and has posted an online resume that is available for employers and division staff to match with available jobs. A claimant shall register for work

- (1) in person or by mail at the employment service office of the division that is nearest the claimant's residence;
 - (3) by telephone, if permitted by the director; or
 - (4) by electronic means at the department's website.
- (c) The director shall find that a claimant is not available for work for any week ending before completion of a placement registration for work. To be considered available for work from the date of the initial claim, a claimant must complete a placement registration within seven days after filing the initial claim. If the placement registration is not completed within seven days, the claimant is considered available for work the week the placement registration is completed.
- (g) The director may defer registration for work for a claimant who is
 - (1) temporarily unemployed with a definite date to return to full-time work within 45 days after the date the claimant files the initial claim;
 - (2) unemployed due to a labor dispute;
 - (3) traveling immediately following the filing of the initial claim, for the purpose of relocating outside of this state; upon arrival in the new area of residence, the claimant shall register for work as required in (a) of this section;
 - (5) normally hired through a trade union, if the union furnishes information when requested by the director to verify the claimant's current membership and eligibility for dispatch;
 - (8) under an approved waiver of availability under AS 23.20.378 or AS 23.20.382.
- (i) If the director does not require the claimant to have a placement registration, the director shall inform the claimant that the placement registration requirement has been deferred and advise the claimant of available employment services.

CONCLUSION

Alaska Statute 23.20.378 requires that a claimant be able to work and available for work in a week in order to be eligible for benefits for a week of unemployment. Regulation 8 AAC 85.351 provides that to be considered available for work, a claimant must register and post a résumé on the Division's labor exchange system (AlaskaJobs) website be matched with available jobs. If the résumé is not posted online within seven days, the claimant is considered available for work the week the résumé is posted online.

Regulation 8 AAC 85.351(g) holds that a claimant may be deferred from the requirement to register for work if they have a definite return to work date within 45 days of the date of their initial claim. The claimant's circumstances did not allow for him to be deferred from the registration requirement. The Division met its obligation to advise the claimant that he was required to post a résumé online within seven days of the date the initial claim application date

with the notice on the online application and the notice mailed to the claimant's address of record. It is unfortunate that the claimant relied on advice from other workers and did not take action to meet the Division's registration requirements. The claimant posted a résumé online on December 1, 2025.

The circumstances do not establish that the reason for the delay was a circumstance outside the claimant's control. Therefore, the claimant cannot be considered available for work in accordance with Regulation 8 AAC 85.351 for the period under review.

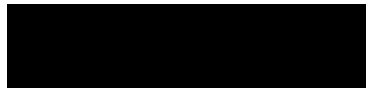
DECISION

The redetermination issued on December 3, 2025 is **AFFIRMED**. Benefits remain **DENIED** for the weeks ending October 18, 2025 through November 22, 2025.

APPEAL RIGHTS

This decision is final unless an appeal is filed in writing to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development **within 30 days** after the decision is mailed to each party. The appeal period may be extended only if the appeal is delayed for circumstances beyond the party's control. A statement of rights and procedures is enclosed.

Dated and mailed on December 18, 2025.

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Rhonda Bunes, Appeals Officer