

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BOARD OF REVIEW

Public Notice of Proposed Rule-Making

The Board of Review, under the authority granted by Chapter 42 of Title 28 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, granting the Board of Review the power to adopt, amend, modify and reject general and special rules and regulations under Chapter 35 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island as amended, proposes the amendment of **UI and TDI Rule 17 – Filing of Claims for Unemployment Insurance Benefits** and the amendment **UI and TDI Rule 32 – Counsel Fees**.

The proposed amendment to Rule 17 would clarify the start day of a new valid claim or additional claim and specify job search activities individuals must participate to maintain eligibility for UI benefits. The proposed amendment to Rule 32 would update the percentage of “benefits at issue” paid for legal fees based on the 2013 law change and define “benefits at issue” when used in determining the legal fees paid to attorneys for representing claimants in UI appeals.

Public comment will be solicited on the following proposal: (create a link for the proposed regulation)

The proposed regulations will be available for public examination on the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training’s website at the following address: <http://www.dlt.ri.gov/pdf/ProposedUIRule050914.pdf>, in person at the Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., requested by mail addressed to Robert Langlais, Assistant Director, Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, or by calling 401-462-8000.

In the development of the proposed rule consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small businesses. Based on available information, no significant economic impact was identified nor are there any alternative approaches, duplications or overlaps with other state regulations.

All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed regulations within twenty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice. The comments should be addressed to Robert Langlais, Assistant Director, Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, or 401-462-8000.

A public hearing, in accordance with Rhode Island General Law, Section 42-35-3, to consider the proposed amendments shall be held on Friday, June 20th, 2014 from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the RI Department of Labor and Training, Building 73-1, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The place of the public hearing is accessible to the handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/ interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other

accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-462-8000 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

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