

Unemployment Insurance Question Clarifications

Several members have called with questions concerning applications for Unemployment Insurance.

FAQ

- **Questions 27 (a)** “What should I put for union name and local number?” The answer is the name of the local chapter (UTLA) , not CTA. As you know, there is no “local number because we do not name our chapter affiliates that way. So please inform any one who asks that they should just put down the name of the local chapter...UTLA.
- **Question 22 (g)** asks for a brief explanation why “you are no longer working for your very last employer.” If the member was part of a RIF, the answer is “layoff” or reduction in force. If the member was non-reelected, the answer is “let go at the end of school year, denied permanent status”, or words to that effect. If the member resigned after being told they would be non-reelected, the answer is “resigned, after being told I would be fired if I did not resign. No misconduct involved.”
- **Question 23** asks if the applicant is out of work because of a “trade dispute.” The answer is “no” unless there is a strike somewhere that we don’t know about.
- **Question 24** is for school employees and the first question is confusing. “Are you currently working for or do you expect to work for any school...or perform school-related work?” If the member has been laid off and the school year has ended, the answer is “no”, but the applicant should write in “on a recall list.”
- **Question 24 (d)** asks if the applicant has “reasonable assurance to return to work after the recess period or the off track period with any school or educational institution?” Generally the answer to this question will be “no,” unless their district has recalled them from the layoff list, or offered them work as a temporary employee. Members should have something in writing indicating their recall. They should not rely on verbal assurances from kindly principles.
- **Question 25** asks if the applicant expects to return to work for any former employer. If they are on a recall list (having been RIF’d as a prob or permanent employee), the answer is “yes, but only if recalled from layoff” if in fact they do intend to return to that district if and when recalled. And if they answer “yes” they should write in, “on a recall list from layoff, but no guarantee of employment” or words to that effect.
- **Question 27 (c)** asks if “your union looks for work for you” the answer is “no.”
- **Question 27 (d)** asks if “your union controls your hiring” The answer is “no.”
- **Question 27 (e)** asks “are you registered with your union as out of work?” and the answer to that is “no.”