

If I Need . . . A Job

Illinois WorkNet

Illinois WorkNet sites provide free career, education and work support information for all residents and businesses.

Services include job readiness workshops, resume writing and printing, and access to job re-training. WorkNet has training funds issued through the Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Some job seekers may get job training through a local community college or an area educational vendor.

How to Access this Benefit:

www.illinoisworknet.com/Connect/Pages/LocationSearch.aspx

During a job interview you may be asked whether you receive SNAP, TANF or other public benefits. This is because the employer may be able to obtain a tax credit if he hires you. Ask your Work Net site about tax credits that employers receive, since this can enhance your chances of being hired.

Career Building Resources

These resources can help you write a resume; get job search hints; explore new jobs and link to training programs.

<http://ilcis.intocareers.org/default.aspx>

www.ides.state.il.us/employment/default.asp



Veteran Employment Services

There are many services for veterans returning to work. The IDES website has information about job fairs and special incentives given to employers to hire veterans. Visit their website at www.ides.illinois.gov/Pages/Veteran_Services.aspx.

The U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) website has many resources including links to the Department of Veterans Affairs Transition Assistance Program: www.dol.gov/vets/.

The VA has a number of programs to assist veterans and service members with job training and employment.

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp>

Re-Entry Services for Justice Involved Persons

The Illinois Department of Employment Security can help you find employment if you have been involved in any stage of the criminal justice process.

How to Access this Benefit: To speak with someone about the Reentry Employment Service Program (RESP) call 312-793-9741.

Under certain conditions you may be able to seal or expunge your record after an established period of time has passed:

www.illinois.gov/osad/Expungement/Pages/default.aspx

The following types of convictions **can be sealed:**

- You were acquitted
- You were released without being convicted
- Your conviction was reversed
- You were released with timed served
- You received a sentence of supervision or sentence of probation
- You had a class 4 felony violation for prostitution

- You had a misdemeanor or Class 4 felony possession of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act (>10 and <30 grams, subsequent offense, >30 and <500 grams, first offense) or the Cannabis Control Act (>10 and <30 grams, subsequent offense, >30 and <500 grams, first offense)

The following types of criminal cases **can be expunged:**

- Arrests that do not result in a conviction (acquitted or found not guilty)
- Sentence of supervision
- First-time offender possession of cannabis or a controlled substance (1410/710 probation)
- Arrest without a conviction

www.ides.illinois.gov/Pages/Re-Entry_Employment_Service_Program.aspx

Unemployment Benefits

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) issues unemployment benefits to eligible persons, up to a maximum of 26 full weeks in a one-year period.

How to Access this Benefit: www.ides.illinois.gov/

Other information to know:

- If you are approved, your benefits are deposited directly into your checking account. If you don't have a checking account you will be provided a debit card. Please note, you may be charged usage fees for ATM use.
- You must certify weekly for benefits and keep records of your work search.
- You may still be able to receive Unemployment Benefits if you accept a part time job. Check with the local IDES office before you decline part-time employment.

IDES has many resources to help job seekers from job listings to job training. Visit the IDES website above or illinoisjoblink.illinois.gov/ to learn more or call 1-800-244-5631.