

Below are MT law & rule that would help with eligibility in covid 19 situations:

**39-51-2104. General benefit eligibility conditions.** (1) An unemployed individual, including an alien entitled to benefits under the provisions of [39-51-2110](#), is eligible to receive benefits for any week of total unemployment within the individual's benefit year only if the department finds that the individual:

(a) has filed a claim and has filed continued claims in accordance with rules that the department may prescribe;

(b) is able to work, is available for work, and is seeking work. An individual may not place limitations on the individual's availability that would constitute a withdrawal from the labor market. A claimant is not considered ineligible in any week of unemployment for failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection if the failure is because of an illness or disability that occurs after the claimant has filed or reopened a claim for unemployment insurance benefits and suitable work has not been offered to the claimant after the beginning of the illness or disability.

#### [24.11.204](#) DEFINITIONS

(25) "Job attached" means a claimant is able and available and has a definite or approximate date of hire or recall to insured work at 30 or more hours per week.

(53) "Union attached" means a claimant is:

(a) able and available for work;

(b) a member in good standing of a labor union that operates an exclusive hiring hall; and

(c) on the out-of-work list at the hiring hall.

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#### [24.11.447](#) WORK REGISTRATION AND EXCEPTIONS

(1) In accordance with [39-51-2102](#) and [39-51-2104](#), MCA, all claimants must register for work with the Workforce Services office serving the area in which the claimant resides, unless excused by the department. All claimants who are required to register must also maintain their work registration in an active status (as defined by the Workforce Services Division) as one of the eligibility conditions to receive benefits.

(2) A claimant who is excused from registering is not required to actively seek work, but must meet all other eligibility requirements in order to receive benefits. Work registration exceptions are limited to the following common circumstances:

(a) Job attached claimants, as defined in ARM [24.11.452A](#), must maintain contact with the employer to whom they are attached, and must return to work when requested by the employer.

(b) Union attached claimants, as defined in ARM [24.11.452A](#), must comply with the union's requirements to be considered a member in good standing and be listed on the union's out-of-work list.