

## DOL Work Search Requirements

We have been given verbal information from the DOL that our Members would be exempt from the normal work search requirements. These requirements were reinstated by the DOL July 1, 2021.

The only information actually in writing that makes us exempt is the statement from the DOL “frequently asked questions” section below that states “You are attached to your trade union, you may conduct your work search activities through the Union Hall”.

The instructions shown below the FAQ section were reported to us by an unemployed member that went through the process.



*What if I am in an approved training? Do I have to make work search activities?*

No. if you are in training that has been approved by CTDOL, you do not need to conduct work search activities .

*Are there any other exceptions to the work search activities requirement?*

Yes, the following exceptions apply to mandatory work search:

- You have a return to work date with your most recent employer within 13 weeks of your last day of employment you do not need to conduct work search activities.
- You are attached to your trade union, you may conduct work search activities through the union hall.
- You are participating in a shared work program with your employer that has been approved by CTDOL.
- You are serving jury duty.
- You have secured employment but are not starting for at least 13 weeks.

**As a Union Member you may be eligible for a work search exemption. Contact CT DOL at <https://portal.ct.gov/dolui> and request a call back. Tell the DOL Agent that you are a member of a trade union and are requesting a work search exemption. In turn they will instruct you to send them a copy of your Union card to a link they will provide. You will then be removed from future work search requirements.**