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HireGuam Phase II Businesses Only: Mandatory to Input Displaced Workers' Information

Hagåtña, Guam – As Phase I of the reporting process, the Guam Department of Labor issued out a press release on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 requiring all employers and business owners who have displaced workers due to COVID-19 to register and email their business or contractor's license to vosemployer@dol.guam.gov for verification purposes on the department's virtual one-stop system, hireguam.com.

The department is now announcing its plans for Phase II. GDOL is actively working on a brand new module that is currently being installed. In approximately two weeks, employers and business owners can start to report employee information who have been furloughed, laid-off, or have reduced hours caused by COVID-19. Phase II is mandatory so that those displaced workers can avail of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program (PUA) – along with the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). GDOL will announce when Phase II is enacted once the module is fully installed.

GDOL has the ability to investigate employers to ensure that no fraudulent activity occurs. GDOL will also work with the Department of Revenue and Taxation to cross-verify those employers and businesses that register. Part of the registration process is providing GDOL proof of business whether it's a business license or a contractor's license – therefore businesses should have their documents ready and start to prepare employee statuses and information.

"I am urging businesses to comply with Executive Order No. 2020-07 and register on HireGuam, Guam Department of Labor Director David Dell'Isola said. When Phase II is enabled, the process will be simple and easy for employers to input their employee information so that those displaced individuals can receive their benefits."

GDOL is reminding the public that Executive Order No. 2020-07 is for employers and businesses only – not employees. The department has been getting an influx of employees registering as employers – if you are an employee and do not own a business, please do not register as an employer.

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