Florida DEO Announces ‘Return to Work’ Initiative

On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity announced its ‘Return to Work’ initiative, which is designed to encourage Floridians to return to the workforce, help employers attract job seekers, and continue to fuel our state’s economic growth.

Governor Ron DeSantis’s Executive Order 21-102, which lifts all local Covid-19 restrictions and mandates on individuals and businesses, supports the efforts of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. DEO stands ready to assist Floridians with training and resources as they return to the workforce.

As of May 29, 2021, Emergency Order 21-015, which waves the work search and work registration requirement for unemployment claims, will expire. Once this waiver expires, claimants must once again submit work searches for every week of the state and federal benefits requested.

According to Employ Florida, there are more than 400,000 jobs available for job seekers. As part of the ‘Return to Work’ initiative, DEO is encouraging residents who are interested in a new career path or need assistance looking for employment, to utilize Career Source Florida as a resource.

Accurate work searches may include registering for work and reemployment services with a local CareerSource Center, completing a job application in person or online, mailing job applications and resumes, interviewing with potential employers, or registering with placement agencies. DEO is also hiring throughout Florida.

Visit the DEO website for details on continued unemployment eligibility, as well as career search resources.