

How to handle your unemployment if you refuse an offer to work

A client question:

We have a client who asked about the ramifications on her weekly IDES unemployment certification form if she refused a job

She is interviewing and feels the job offer is going to come in at a much lower salary than she wants / needs / expects

How does she answer this on her certification without being penalized?

Response from Douglas Potts:

If it is not a reasonable salary then she can say no.

From Dinalois Hamilton:

You can have the client visit IDES Labor Market Information site <https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/lmi/pages/default.aspx>. It will provide up-to-date wage data for comparison. It also has a host of valued information to assist the jobseeker in career decision making: <https://illinois.virtuallmi.com/vosnet/Default.aspx>.

From Debbie Lunger:

IDES provides answers to your questions on its website. Just log into: www.IDES.illinois.gov. Select the “**Employers**” button from the top of the page. A dropdown menu will appear. Select “**Refusal to Return to Work**” from the menu. The claimant can then click on the hyperlink inside the page to read over the information to better understand IDES eligibility requirements while receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits, including accessing the Unemployment Insurance Law Handbook on our site.

To read more about Refusal of Work see [Section 603 of the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act](#) and the [Unemployment Insurance Law Handbook](#) on our website.