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## ONLINE FILING OF WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS AVAILABLE

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, July 27, 2007 . . . . . Unemployed workers who currently have an unemployment insurance claim in Alabama may now file weekly certifications for benefits online.

“The new option that went into effect on July 25 will provide an alternative to using the telephone to file,” says Phyllis Kennedy, Alabama Department of Industrial Relations director. “Since October 2006, Industrial Relations has also offered claimants the option to file new, additional and reopened unemployment insurance claims electronically.”

An application for weekly benefits, as well as the other kinds of claims, is available through the home page of the Industrial Relations Web site at <http://dir.alabama.gov>.

Instructions for filing weekly certifications are provided through the Internet application and allows claimants to answer all required questions and confirm responses before submitting a claim for payment processing. An additional feature is the display of recent claims activity. The most recent five transactions will be available in a printable format to provide an update on the status of claims.

Questions regarding claims filing may be directed to the Unemployment Compensation Call Center Inquiry Line (toll-free) at 1-800-361-4524.

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Industrial Relations is an umbrella organization of State government which administers: the State Employment Service, Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation, and Labor Market Information. Smaller programs also administered include Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation, Mine Safety and Inspection, and Surface Mining of Non-Fuel Minerals. For more information on Industrial Relations, visit the Web site: <http://dir.alabama.gov/>.