

## **Jury Service by Those Eligible for Unemployment Benefits**

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Steps have been taken so that those who are unemployed and drawing unemployment benefits may be available for jury duty. It is now possible for a person to serve jury duty and still obtain unemployment benefits. It is necessary, however, that the juror be temporarily excused so as to meet the reporting and job interview requirement of the unemployment benefit service. The following statement has been agreed upon by the Department of Labor & Industry, Division of Employment Security and the Attorney General to ensure that persons on jury duty are eligible for unemployment compensation benefits:

A person on jury duty will now be eligible for unemployment benefits or "available for work" under *N.J.S.A. 43:21-4(c)* under certain conditions. Persons who are receiving unemployment compensation benefits must be available, if they are not serving on a trial, to take job interviews and must be excused from jury duty when legitimate job offers are made. The request for a job interview and a job offer must be subject to appropriate verification.

In view of the foregoing, it is suggested that unemployed persons may be used for jury service under the conditions described.

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

These directives have been combined because both deal with the conditions for jury service by persons receiving unemployment benefits. The paragraphs have been repositioned but no change has been made to the original text.