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### **Some Alaska Workers Eligible for Unemployment Tax Refunds**

JUNEAU, Alaska—Alaska workers may be eligible for an unemployment tax refund if they worked for more than one employer during 2008, according to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

“Workers who paid more than a total of \$156.50 in unemployment taxes during 2008, because of working for more than one Alaska employer, can apply for a refund for anything over that amount,” Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop said.

Refund request forms along with proof of earnings must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2009. Unemployment Insurance taxes paid by workers may be listed on workers’ W-2 forms or on pay stubs. Workers can also contact their employers for the information.

The refund form is online at [labor.state.ak.us/estax/forms/eerefund.pdf](http://labor.state.ak.us/estax/forms/eerefund.pdf) or can be obtained from the Juneau Tax Office at 907-465-2757 or 888-448-3527. Forms can be requested by mail to Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Employment Security Tax Office, P.O. Box 115509, Juneau, AK 99811-5509.

Both employers and workers contribute to Alaska’s Unemployment Compensation Fund from which unemployment benefits are paid. Alaska is one of about 20 states whose unemployment insurance trust funds are not at-risk of becoming insolvent. The average employer unemployment tax decreased this year. On Jan. 1, the maximum weekly unemployment benefit increased from \$248 to \$370.

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