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Section 1251.1@ Definitions

## 1251-1 Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms used in these regulations relating to unemployment compensation benefits shall have the following meaning:

### (a)

"Applicant" means any individual who applies for employment services or registers for work.

### (b)

"Base period employer" means an employer by whom wages for employment were paid to a claimant during his or her base period.

### (c)

"Benefits" means the compensation payable to an individual, with respect to his or her unemployment, under the unemployment compensation law of any state or the federal government.

### (d)

"CalJOBS" means the department's Internet labor exchange system where claimants register for employment assistance by completing a resume.

### (e)

"Claimant" means an individual who files a new claim with the department until such time as his or her claim is found invalid, or the expiration of his or her benefit year, extended duration period, or extended benefit period.

### (f)

"Department field office" or "department branch office" means an office maintained by the Employment Development Department in accordance with Sections 2054 and 2055 of the code.

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"Maximum benefits" means the maximum total amount of benefits payable to a claimant during his or her benefit year.

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"Register for work" means a claimant provides the department with information to include, but not limited to, name, social security number, date of birth, mailing address and/or telephone number.

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"Weekly rate" means the weekly benefit amount payable for a week of total unemployment to a claimant during his or her benefit year.

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"Social Security Number," "Social Security Account Number," "SSAN" and "SSN" all mean the 9-digit account number issued by Social Security Administration to an individual for the purpose of recording that individual's earnings or for use by that individual when required by federal law to receive a benefit or service.

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"Social Security Number Verification" means verification of the social security number, received by the department from the claimant, by either submission of a copy of his or her annual statement issued to him or her by the Social Security Administration, or by verification of that individual's social security number submitted to the department directly from the Social Security Administration.

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"Photo Identification" means an official document issued by a local, state, or

federal agency, or a foreign government, which contains an individual's photograph, first and last name, and date of birth.

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"Date of Birth Verification" means a birth certificate issued by a local, state, or federal agency, or a foreign government, or other official certification of that individual's birth. A birth certificate marked "informational, not a valid document to establish identity," is not acceptable verification.

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"Address Verification" means an original utility bill (e.g. electricity, gas, garbage, water, or sewer), a bill for cable TV, telephone bill, insurance document or other correspondence from a bank or similar institution, a current residential rental or lease agreement; or a mortgage statement; provided the document shows that individual's name and residence address. If that individual does not have a residence address but has a Post Office Box or a Personal Mail Box, address verification will consist of the individual providing proof that he or she is the renter or the authorized user of the box.

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"Employment Data" means a copy of that individual's Wage and Tax Statement (Form W-2), issued within the last 12 months, or a check stub or pay statement issued by that individual's employer within one year prior to the date that individual first filed a claim for unemployment compensation benefits. The check stub or pay statement must contain that individual's first name or initial, last name, that individual's social security number, the name of that individual's employer, the date the check stub or pay statement was issued, or the pay period for which the check stub or pay statement was issued.