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Change 2**

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Updated Dates for Permanent Transition of Unemployment Insurance Required Reports and Benefit Accuracy Measurement Applications from the Unemployment Insurance Database Management System to the Unemployment Insurance Reporting System

1. **Purpose.** To provide State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) with an updated notice of the upcoming permanent transition of the Unemployment Insurance Required Reports (UIR) and Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) applications from Unemployment Insurance Database Management System (UIDBMS) to Unemployment Insurance Reporting System (UIRS); to provide instructions to SWAs on how to submit data to UIRS; and to advise SWAs that starting January 20, 2026, all states must transmit their UIR data **only** through UIRS and that starting February 9, 2026, all states must transmit their BAM data **only** through UIRS.
2. **Action Requested.** The Department of Labor's (Department's) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requests that Administrators of SWAs provide the information in this Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) to the appropriate state Unemployment Insurance (UI) program. SWAs should ensure information technology staff are aware of and follow instructions related to the submission of UIR data to UIRS beginning January 20, 2026, and submission of BAM data to UIRS beginning February 9, 2026.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – This UIPL supersedes the dates for UIR and BAM deployment dates announced in UIPL 15-24, Change 1. Effective January 20, 2026, all states must transmit their UIR data to UIRS instead of UIDBMS. Effective February 9, 2026, all states must transmit their BAM data to UIRS instead of UIDBMS. The Department will no longer accept data submissions for these applications in UIDBMS after these respective dates.
 - b. Background – Training and Employment Notice (TEN) No. 26-23, *Unemployment Insurance (UI) Reporting System*, issued on April 19, 2024, announced the Department's project to modernize UIDBMS, a server-based reporting system, replacing it with UIRS, a cloud-based reporting system. Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No.

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15-24, *Permanent Transition of Data Validation (DV) and Tax Performance System (TPS) Applications from the Unemployment Insurance Database Management System (UIDBMS) to the Unemployment Insurance Reporting System (UIRS)*, issued on July 17, 2024, announced the permanent transition to a modernized, cloud-based system for the Data Validation (DV) and Tax Performance System (TPS) applications. UIPL No. 15-24, Change 1, *Permanent Transition of Unemployment Insurance Required Reports (UIR) and Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) Applications from the Unemployment Insurance Database Management System (UIDBMS) to the Unemployment Insurance Reporting System (UIRS)* issued on August 19, 2025, announced the permanent transition to a modernized, cloud-based system for the UIR and BAM applications.

For additional information about the UIRS project, refer to the webinar conducted on April 22, 2024. The webinar recording is available at: <https://ui.workforcegps.org/events/2024/03/22/17/49/Unemployment-Insurance-Reporting-System-UIRS>. A webinar for SWA staff on UIR and BAM was hosted by the Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) on January 15, 2026, and resources are available on the UI Community of Practice. Note that state staff must create an account with the UI Community of Practice in WorkforceGPS to access this content.

Creation of the UIRS is a multi-year project, throughout which the Department will deploy new UIRS applications in a progressive rollout by program or function to all states. The Department will continue to engage with state, regional, and national users through meetings, webinars, and user acceptance testing to ensure the functionality and desired user experience are achieved.

4. **Guidance.**

- a. ***Data Transition.*** This UIPL supersedes the dates for UIR and BAM deployment dates announced in UIPL 15-24, Change 1. All states must transmit UIR and BAM data to UIRS in accordance with the established deadlines in the associated program handbooks beginning January 20, 2026, and February 9, 2026, respectively.

UIRS accepts all file formats that states are currently utilizing to transmit data to UIDBMS (e.g., .txt, .csv) that align with ETA Handbook No. 395. Files must not contain any invalid characters or spaces. Instructions on “Creating a Login.Gov Account” and rules of behavior for “State User Access” to UIRS are available online in WorkforceGPS (https://ui.workforcegps.org/resources/2024/06/10/19/45/Unemployment_Insurance_Reporting_System). WorkforceGPS access requires individuals to have a UI Community of Practice account. To access the UIRS, users must also establish a Login.gov account.

The Department completed development and testing of the UIR and BAM applications in UIRS and migrated the state submitted data into the new platform as of the publication of this guidance. The development process included discovery and production planning sessions with stakeholder collaboration as well as multiple rounds of user acceptance testing, including participation from over 20 states for both applications. Once the UIR and BAM applications transition to submitting data using the production version of

UIRS, the legacy state UIDBMS servers and state-side UIR and BAM applications will be scheduled for decommissioning.

- b. ***UIRS Support.*** A webinar for SWA staff was hosted by OUI and OCIO on January 15, 2026. A recording of the webinar as well as training materials and user guides regarding the UIR and BAM applications, are available in the UI Community of Practice in WorkforceGPS:
https://ui.workforcegps.org/resources/2024/06/10/19/45/Unemployment_Insurance_Reporting_System.

5. **Inquiries.** Please direct inquiries to the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

6. **References.**

- Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 15-24, Change 1, *Permanent Transition of Unemployment Insurance Required Reports (UIR) and Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) Applications from the Unemployment Insurance Database Management System (UIDBMS) to the Unemployment Insurance Reporting System (UIRS)*, issued August 19, 2025, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/uipl-15-24-change-1>;
- UIPL No. 15-24, *Permanent Transition of Data Validation (DV) and Tax Performance System (TPS) Applications from the Unemployment Insurance Database Management System (UIDBMS) to the Unemployment Insurance Reporting System (UIRS)*, issued July 17, 2024, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/uipl-15-24>;
- UIPL No. 03-21, *Replacement of Information Technology Hardware supporting the State Unemployment Insurance Data Base Management System (UIDBMS)*, issued October 29, 2020, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/unemployment-insurance-program-letter-no-03-21>;
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- Privacy Impact Assessment, *Unemployment Insurance Reporting System*, November 2025, <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/general/privacy/ETA-UIRS-PIA.pdf>;
- Training and Employment Notice No. 26-23, *Unemployment Insurance (UI) Reporting System*, issued April 19, 2024, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/ten-26-23>;
- ET Handbook No. 395, *Benefit Accuracy Measurement Program State Operations Handbook, 5th Edition*, issued November 2009; <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/handbooks/et-handbook-no-395-5th-edition>;
- ET Handbook No. 401, *Unemployment Insurance Reports Handbook, 5th Edition*, issued August 2017, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/handbooks/et-handbook-no-401-5th-edition>; and
- ET Handbook No. 336, *Unemployment Insurance State Quality Service Plan Planning and Reporting Guidelines, 18th Edition*, issued March 2019, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/handbooks/et-handbook-no-336>.

7. **Attachments.** N/A.