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Indiana's Workforce Investment System

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DATE:

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**SUBJECT:** 

**DWD Policy 2008-26** 

Deductible Income Cannot Be Used to Reestablish Unemployment Insurance

Benefit Eligibility following Disqualification

### Purpose

To explain that wages in lieu of termination notice, termination allowances, accrued vacation pay, severance, separation pay, or other income deductible by law cannot be used to reestablish eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits

#### Rescission

None

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In the interest of ensuring that eligibility reestablishment is applied in a consistent manner, this Indiana Department of Workforce Development (IDWD) policy sets forth items that cannot be used to reestablish eligibility.

Indiana Code § 22-4-14 details how an individual becomes eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, including the establishment of wage credits while IC § 22-4-15-1 sets forth standards for disqualification for unemployment insurance benefits. IC § 22-4-5-1 and IC § 22-4-5-2 define those amounts considered deductible income, which cannot be used to calculate wages. Consistent with this, IDWD's standard for reestablishing eligibility following disqualification does not allow for the use of:

- wages in lieu of termination notice;
- termination allowances;
- accrued vacation pay;
- severance;
- separation pay; or
- other income deductible by law.

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# **Review Date**

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# Ownership

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# **Effective Date**

January 1, 2009

#### Action

Indiana's workforce investment system will follow the guidance contained in this policy. Directors and managers will ensure that staff who work with this policy's subject matter are aware of the details contained in this policy and follow its guidelines.