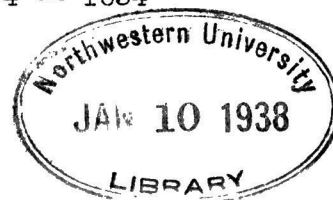


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-- Works Progress Administration --

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WPA OUTLINES POLICY AFFECTING WORKERS ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

All State Works Progress Administrators today were advised today by Aubrey Williams, Acting WPA Administrator, of the policy to be followed in determining eligibility for employment on the Works Program of persons eligible for unemployment compensation. The following regulations were announced:

"As Unemployment Compensation Laws become effective in each state, the policy hereafter outlined shall be followed with respect to persons who are entitled to Unemployment Compensation Benefits, and who shall be considered separately in two groups as set forth in items A and B below:

"(A) - Persons eligible for Unemployment Compensation Benefits who currently are employed on the Works Program shall be expected to file claim for their unemployment compensation benefits. Employment of such persons on the Works Program shall not be affected because they are eligible for these benefits until determination by the State Unemployment Compensation Agency that the worker would be entitled to such benefits in the absence of Works Program employment.

"After this determination, the worker shall be separated from employment on the Works Program and shall not be considered as eligible for reemployment during the waiting period, nor during the period in which compensation benefits are paid.

At the expiration of the period during which compensation benefits are paid, the worker shall be entitled to reemployment on the Works Program in the same manner as persons returning from private employment.

"(B) - Persons, otherwise eligible, who currently are not employed on the Works Program and who are eligible for Unemployment Compensation Benefits, shall not be eligible for employment on Works Program projects until after the expiration of the period during which Unemployment Compensation Benefits are paid. At the end of that period, eligibility for employment on the Works Program shall be determined in accordance with regular certification procedure.

"In carrying out the provisions of these regulations, you are expected to work out arrangements with the certifying agency and the State Unemployment Compensation Agency for interchange of necessary information."