# Maine Department of Labor

Program and Service Guide

*A guide to services for employers provided by the Maine Department of Labor*

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A message for employers

Greetings! The Department of Labor is committed to ensuring that Maine’s employment environment is one in which all of us—job seekers, workers, employers and communities—can thrive. The Department is committed to serving Maine workers and businesses by:

• helping employers recruit and train a talented workforce,

• providing workers with skills needed to compete in our economy,

• assisting individuals when jobs are lost,

• aiding people with disabilities reach career goals,

• ensuring safe and fair workplaces for people on the job, and

• providing research and analysis of employment data to support job growth.

We work to advance the safety and economic well-being of all workers and businesses in Maine with support for high wage, in-demand jobs, life-long learning and independent living, economic stability and fair treatment of all people on the job.

Our team at the Department of Labor is here to assist you with your job-related goals including recruitment and training, job searches and skill-building, temporary wage replacement and career goals, workplace safety and new employment data. Whether we are helping our workforce gain the best skills to meet the needs of current and future employers, ensuring that employers can access those seeking jobs, or helping people laid off through no fault of their own get back to work, we are here to serve the workers, employers and communities of Maine.

Please take the opportunity to access information on our website, visit the CareerCenters, or contact us with questions.

With appreciation and best regards,

Laura Fortman, Commissioner

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Maine Department of Labor Organizational Chart

Under the Office of the Commissioner

Kimberly Smith, Deputy Commissioner
and Director of External Affairs (Evelyn deFrees), Legislative Liaison (Isaac Gingras), Communications Manager (Jessica Picard) and Cyber Security Manager (Ken Boykin) Also under the Office of the Commissioner is the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (Karen Fraser) which includes Employment Services for People with Disabilities, Independent Living Services and Employer Services.
Employer Services under the Office of the Commissioner also includes the
Bureau of Labor Standards, (Michael Roland) which entails Workplace Safety, Wage and Hour and Research and Statistics.
Employer services of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation (Laura Boyett) includes unemployment benefits, unemployment taxes and program integrity and fraud prevention. Employer services also include the Center for Workforce Research and Information (Ruth Pease- Acting Director) - which provides data collection, research analysis and Labor Market Information.
The Bureau of Employment Services (Edward Upham) includes CareerCenters, Training and Maine JobLink. Also included as employer services is **The State Workforce Board (SWB)** (Christopher Quint) the Maine Labor Relations Board (*Neil Daly*) and **Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission** (Jennifer Duddy)

 ***Our Mission***

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our economy, assisting individuals when jobs are lost, aiding people with disabilities reach career goals, ensuring safe and fair workplaces for people on the job and providing research and analysis of employment data to support job growth.*

State Workforce Board

State Workforce Board

Mission

The State Workforce Board (SWB) leads, advises and manages efforts to create a world-class workforce development system in Maine. The SWB has been revitalized to be both private-sector-demand and data driven. A majority of board members represent businesses.

Workforce Development—Fostering Industry Partnerships

Maine’s workforce development system maximizes the Return-on-Investment for federal and state training funds and increases the involvement of private-sector job creators with the Workforce Development System to improve business relevance.

Industry Partnerships have become a cornerstone of Maine’s workforce development strategy through the implementation of best practices from other states. These partnerships drive the entire system by identifying skill gaps and human resource needs in targeted industries and high-priority occupations. Partnerships serve to solve workforce challenges within their industries, thereby improving our local, regional and state economies.

Membership

SWB members are appointed by the Governor and include representatives from the private sector, organized labor, education, service providers, the public and State Government. The SWB Board has six subcommittees that specifically focus on workforce development issues for various constituent groups. These subcommittees are Commission on Disability and Employment, Women’s Employment Issues Committee, Older Worker Committee, Youth Transitions Committee, Veterans Employment, and Program Policy Committee.

SWB Contact

**SWB website:** www.maine.gov/swib

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State Workforce Board

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Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

Mission

The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services works to bring about full access to employment, independence and community integration for people with disabilities.

Employment Services Provided by the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

For Employers

* Pre-employment services — connect with potential employees through internships, mentoring opportunities and training that is customized to your needs or delivered on-the-job.
* Recruitment and referral — professional help with recruiting and matching you with qualified candidates.
* Staff training — get training for your staff on disability awareness, the Americans with Disabilities Act and topics related to disabilities and assistive technology in the workplace.
* Diversity — learn new strategies to support the inclusion of people with disabilities as customers and employees.
* Retention — get support services for employees who may develop or acquire a disability.
* Financial supports — find out the latest information on available tax credits and/or deductions for hiring or accommodating people with disabilities.

For Job Seekers with Disabilities

* Employment services for people with disabilities — specialized job services to help individuals reach their career goals.
* School to work services — providing transitional assistance to students and families.
* Services for individuals who are blind and visually impaired — education services for children, orientation and mobility instruction, employment services and independent living services.
* Employment services for people who are deaf, late deafened or hard of hearing.

Reasons to Hire People with Disabilities

* Greater loyalty to employers
* Less turnover
* Lower rates of absenteeism
* Better safety records
* Equal or better productivity rates
* Expands customer base/market share

Bureau Contacts

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Bureau of Labor Standards

Mission

The Bureau of Labor Standards works professionally with its customers to continually improve workplace safety, health, and workplace rights.

Services Provided by the Bureau

Workplace Safety: SafetyWorks!

* Confidential workplace safety and health consultations at your workplace that offer recommendations for OSHA and Mine Safety and Health Administration compliance and best practices.
* More than 100 safety and health classes offered each year on a range of safety and health topics;

Research and Statistics

* Customized company profiles on work-related injuries and illnesses and training and speakers on injury and illness recordkeeping.
* Workers’ Compensation case and prevention data.
* Data and research on wage and hour issues.

Consultation on Labor Laws

* Requirements and best practices for compliance with state and federal minimum wage and overtime law.
* Drug testing policy requirements and sample plans.
* Guidance on youth employment and work permit process.
* Wage rates for state-funded construction projects.

Compliance efforts engaged in by this Bureau include:

* Public and private-sector wage & hour standards enforcement.
* Drug testing policy consultation, approval, and compliance.
* Youth employment oversight including work permits for minors under the age of16.
* Establish and oversee minimum wage rates on state-funded construction projects.
* Public sector (government only) occupational safety & health standards enforcement.

Bureau Contacts

**Bureau website:** www.maine.gov/labor/bls

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Referrals on Other Workplace Issues

The Bureau of Labor Standards Customer Service Unit can help you reach the correct agency to get your questions answered. Common referrals include:

* Workers’ Compensation
* Maine Human Rights Commission
* Federal OSHA
* Federal Wage and Hour
* Federal Davis-Bacon

# Customer Service Unit: 207-623-7900

SafetyWorks!

45 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, Toll-Free: 1-877-SAFE-345, safetyworksmaine.gov

On-site Safety and Health Consultation

A safety and health audit by an experienced occupational safety and health professional can help your business identify hazards and reduce or eliminate the risk of injuries and illnesses. At your request, and at no cost to you, a SafetyWorks! consultant can visit your workplace and help you make it safer and healthier for workers. SafetyWorks! is not OSHA and cannot issue fines or citations.

**A SafetyWorks! professional can come to your workplace and help you:**

* Recognize safety hazards
* Sample for air and noise exposures
* Reduce or eliminate hazards
* Develop or improve a safety program
* Comply with OSHA regulations
* Identify training needs

To request a confidential on-site consultation, call SafetyWorks! Customer Service toll-free at 1-877-SAFE-345 (1-877-723-3345).

Training

SafetyWorks! professionals can train you and your employees on a wide range of safety and health topics—at no cost to you.

The program offers a range of training options:

* Training at your workplace
* Scheduled course at a location near you or in our hands-on training facility in Augusta
* Online courses

SafetyWorks! consultants can survey your workplace—work processes, equipment, and hazards —and tell you what training you need in order to comply with regulations and make sure your workers know how to do their jobs safely.

*“If OSHA came, we wanted to have no problem. On top of that we wanted to be safe. So we asked SafetyWorks! to come and do some tours with us. They did that, they helped us understand some of the things that we might not have understood or even seen, and we do not hesitate to use them. We like to have them in here. I know some companies say well, I don’t think we should have them in here...But that’s not my thought. I think we should have them in and if they find a problem, then great, we can address it.”*
—Shane Crouse, Pride Manufacturing

Bureau of Unemployment Compensation

Mission

The mission of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation is to provide temporary financial assistance to people who lose their jobs through no fault of their own while they actively seek new employment. In addition, the Unemployment Insurance Program serves as an economic stabilizer for Maine businesses and communities during periods of high unemployment.

Services provided by the Bureau

* Filing, processing and payment of benefit claims under various state and federal unemployment insurance programs via the Internet or telephone claims systems.
* Appellate services to resolve benefit eligibility and unemployment tax liability disputes.
* Administration of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.
* Employer advisory services on unemployment insurance benefit charges and tax matters.
* Determination of unemployment insurance protection coverage.
* WorkShare, which offers employers an alternative to layoffs during a temporary business downturn.

Online Services for Employers

* Pay unemployment taxes.
* Report New Hire information.
* Register your business for unemployment coverage.
* Review the Employer’s Guide to Maine Unemployment Laws.
* Respond to separation requests for information via the SIDES online portal.
* Learn about the 12-point standard for worker classification (effective Jan. 1, 2013).

*Unemployment Insurance Field Advisors are available throughout the state to help employers understand and navigate the Unemployment Insurance System.*

*Watch our short videos for employers. www.maine.gov/labor/unemployment/tax*

Field Advisors

* Assist employers with filing quarterly wage reports and making payments.
* Answer questions about liability, rates, seasonality, successorships and much more.
* Speak to local groups to explain aspects of the unemployment law and system.

**Find the Field Advisor nearest you by calling 621-5120 or contact:**

Tax Section Manager 621-5143

Tax Section Manager 373-4009

**Unemployment Field Advisors (business contacts) by Region:**

Augusta 621-5110

Bangor 561-4094

Biddeford 286-2677

Brunswick 373-4009

Lewiston 753-9088

Portland 822-3303

Wilton 645-5825

Bureau Contacts

**Bureau website:** www.maine.gov/labor/unemployment

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Watch our short videos for employers. – [www.maine.gov/labor/unemployment/bucvideos.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/labor/unemployment/bucvideos.shtml)

Center for Workforce Research and Information

Mission

The Center for Workforce Research and Information (CWRI) develops and disseminates analysis and data that informs our customers about current and future labor market and economic conditions. Our products assist the public in making decisions that promote economic opportunity and efficient use of state labor resources.

Services provided by the CWRI

Career Products – products that help jobseekers find

jobs, determine skill or education requirements, find

training opportunities or match jobseekers to jobs

• Occupational projections

• Current occupational demand analysis

• Transferrable skill analysis

Economy products – data, analysis or studies about some

focused aspect of the economy

• Employment, unemployment and wage data

and analysis

• Industry employment projections

• Industry and geographic analysis

Labor market products – data, analysis or studies of

broad labor market trends or outcomes

• Job vacancy studies

• Labor demographics

• Occupational wage rates

Online Services

Data available on the website includes:

• Interactive economic data visualizations

• Current economic analysis briefs

• In-demand occupations

• County economic profiles

• Various presentations on current and future labor

market conditions

• The unemployment rate and employment situation

CWRI’s Customers Include:

• Job seekers and students

• Businesses

• Educators, training instructors

and counselors

• Workforce developers

• Economic developers

• Educational institutions

• Researchers

• Federal state and local governments

• Internal customers

• Media

CWRI Contacts

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**CWRI Website:** www.maine.gov/labor/cwri

Bureau of Employment Services

Mission

The Bureau of Employment Services works to build and sustain a skilled workforce.
Through CareerCenters located across the state, staff connect job seekers and businesses with the employment, training and other services that help employers recruit and retain a quality workforce and grow our economy.

**We are here to help Employers:**

* Hire skilled employees
* Upskill staff
* Access funding for training
* Create internal career pathways
* Increase employee engagement
* Post job opportunities
* Recruit your workforce at CareerCenters and on Maine JobLink
* Recruit Veterans with the help of a CareerCenter Veterans’ Representative.
* Meet with hundreds of prospective employees at one of the CareerCenters’ many job fairs throughout the state.
* Use space at the CareerCenter to meet with applicants, take applications, test and interview candidates.
* Access free fidelity bonds to support hiring of “at-risk,” hard-to-place job seekers.
* Access Work Opportunities Tax Credit (WOTC) federal tax credits when you hire workers from targeted groups.

Training

* CareerCenters leverage the programs that best fit both employers and trainees to maximize employment opportunities and provide workers with in-demand skills.
* We bring the workforce education and training partners to the table for you.

Maine JobLink

Listing your job openings on Maine’s JobLink will reach tens of thousands of registered Maine job seekers.

* List job opportunities at no charge.
* A new searching system that allows you to review job seeker profiles based on specific preferences
* Easy job posting from any computer or mobile device
* Share postings on Facebook, LinkedIn™, and Twitter
Bureau Contacts

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**Bureau website:**
www.maine.gov/labor/bes/index.shtml

**CareerCenter website:**

www.mainecareercenter.gov

CareerCenter Locations

**Augusta CareerCenter**45 Commerce Drive, 109 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333
Phone: 624-5120 or 1-800-760-1573 • Fax: 287-6236

**Bangor CareerCenter**45 Oak Street, Suite 3, Bangor, ME 04401-6667
Phone: 561-4050 or 1-888-828-0568 • Fax: 561-4066

**Brunswick CareerCenter**29 Sewall Street, Brunswick, ME 04011
Phone: 373-4000 or 1-888-836-3355 • Fax: 373-4004

**Calais CareerCenter**One College Drive, Calais, ME 04619-0415
Phone: 454-7551 or 1-800-543-0303 • Fax: 454-0349

**Lewiston CareerCenter**5 Mollison Way, Lewiston, ME 04240-5805
Phone: 753-9001 or 1-800-741-2991 • Fax: 783-5301

**Machias CareerCenter**53 Prescott Drive, Suite 1, Machias, ME 04654-9752
Phone: 255-1900 or 1-800-292-8929 • Fax: 255-4778

**Northern Kennebec Valley CareerCenter**

23 Stanley Road, P.O. Box 15, Hinckley, ME 04944

Phone: 474-4950 or 1-800-760-1572 • Fax: 474-4914

**Greater Portland CareerCenter**151 Jetport Boulevard, Portland, ME 04102
Phone: 822-3300 or 1-877-594-5627 • Fax: 822-0221

**Presque Isle CareerCenter**66 Spruce Street, Suite 1, Presque Isle, ME 04769-3222
Phone: 768-6829 or 1-800-635-0357 • Fax: 760-6350

**Rockland CareerCenter**91 Camden Street, Suite 201, Rockland, ME 04841-2421
Phone: 596-2600 or 1-877-421-7916 • Fax: 594-1428

**Springvale CareerCenter**9 Bodwell Court, Springvale, ME 04083-1801
Phone: 324-5460 or 1-800-343-0151 • Fax: 324-7069

**Wilton CareerCenter**865 US Route 2E, Wilton, ME 04294-6649
Phone: 645-5800 or 1-800-982-4311 • Fax: 645-2093

Satellite CareerCenter Locations

(Please call for an appointment)

**Biddeford, Goodwill Workforce Solutions**407 Alfred Road, Biddeford, ME 04005
Phone: 1-800-343-0151

**Dover-Foxcroft, Eastern Maine Development Corporation**48 Morton Ave., Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426
Phone: 207-564-8196

**Ellsworth, Eastern Maine Development Corporation**248 State Street, Mill Mall, Ellsworth, ME 04605
Phone: 207-610-1521

**Houlton Higher Education Center**18 Military Street, Houlton, ME 04730
Phone: 1-800-635-0357

**South Paris, Western Maine Community Action**4 Western Ave., South Paris, Maine 04281
Phone: 207-743-7763

**Waterville Public Library**73 Elm Street, Waterville, ME 04901
Phone: 207-872-5433

Key Contacts

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General Information 207-623-7900

CareerCenter Services 207-623-7981

Youth Employment 207-623-7900

Commissioner’s Office 207-621-5095

Employment and Training 207-623-7981

Hiring People with Disabilities 1-855-ALL-HIRE

Maine JobLink 1-888-457-8883

Migrant and Immigrant Services 1-888-307-9800

SafetyWorks! 1-877-SAFE-345

State Workforce Board 207-621-5087

Unemployment Benefits 1-800-593-7660

Unemployment Technical Support and Work Search 207-623-6765

Unemployment Fraud Tipline 207-621-5100

Unemployment Taxes 207-621-5120

Wage and Hour Laws 207-623-7900

Workforce Information 207-623-7900

Workplace Safety 1-877-SAFE-345

Other Employer Contacts from the State of Maine

Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 207-624-7736

Business Answers 1-800-872-3838

Department of Economic & Community Development Office of Business Development 207-624-9804

Department of Environmental Protection Assistance Hotline 1-800-789-9802

Inspections Division of the State Fire Marshal’s Office 207-626-3880

Maine District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration 207-622-8551

Maine Human Rights Commission 207-624-6290

Maine Revenue Services Corporate Tax 207-624-9670

Maine Small Business Development Center State Office 207-780-4420

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 207-624-8603

Small Business Advocate 207-626-8410

Workers’ Compensation Board 207-287-3751

# Telephone: 207-623-7900

# TTY users call Maine Relay 711

*The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs.
Auxiliary aids and services are available to people with disabilities upon request.*

Programs are provided as a proud partner of the American Job Center network.