

Prior law required that certain notices and determinations be transmitted to parties in an unemployment compensation case by certified mail.

New law provides that an employer, his representative, or the claimant may waive the right to receive any notice or determination by certified mail.

New law provides that the waiver shall be in writing and be mailed or submitted electronically to the La. Workforce Commission (LWC).

New law provides that when the right to delivery by certified mail has been waived, the parties may receive notices and determinations by first class mail or by electronic transmission.

New law provides that the notice or determination is deemed delivered when it has been mailed or electronically transmitted.

Existing law provides that within 15 days of receiving notification of a determination that a claimant is disqualified from collecting unemployment benefits, the claimant may file an appeal.

Existing law provides that the claimant may mail or deliver the appeal to the appeal tribunal.

Prior law provided that the appeal tribunal shall mail a "notice to appear for a hearing" to all parties to the appeal at least 10 days prior to the date of hearing.

New law changes the time period allowed for the "notice to appear for a hearing" to be mailed from 10 days to seven days.

New law allows a party to the appeal to expressly waive the seven-day advance notice requirement by written waiver.

New law requires that a copy of the written waiver be included in the record.

New law provides that a waiver of the seven-day advance notice does not extinguish the requirement that a "notice to appear for a hearing" be sent.

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