



EDD Update Fall 2011

Many of us who have filed for unemployment benefits have discovered some new changes to the way we obtain our benefits – the most striking is the **EDD Debit Card** that has replaced the monthly check that we're accustomed to finding in our mailbox. This debit card is reusable and is valid for three years.

Money on the card can be collected as cash at an ATM (generally with no fee), or can be directly deposited from the card into checking or savings accounts. For more information, go to http://www.edd.ca.gov/About_EDD/The_EDD_Debit_Card.htm

The other change involves the Continued Claim form that accompanies the check we get in the mail. Yes, it will still be mailed out; however, now you can file that form online at http://www.edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/EDD_Web-Cert.htm. You will need to register and choose a user name and password, which will only take a minute or two. Once done, you can answer all the usual questions online and save a stamp! The other benefit is that you can electronically file the claim from anywhere.

If you have any questions or concerns about these updates, please go to the EDD website. EDD has done a great job explaining these new changes. You may also contact FACCC, at www.faccc.org, or (916) 447-8555.

Finally, if you are ever denied unemployment benefits for "Reasonable Assurance" contact FACCC Director of Government Relations Andrea York at ayork@faccc.org.

Have a great semester and please feel free to contact us with your questions and comments!

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