
DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

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The Division of Employment and Training originated in 1937 as the Department of Employment Security (Chapter 314, Acts of 1937). The Department was restructured in 1970 as the Department of Employment and Social Services (Chapter 96, Acts of 1970). It became the Department of Human Resources in 1975 (Chapter 382, Acts of 1975). The Department's Employment Security Administration functioned until 1983 when the Department of Employment and Training was created as a principal executive department (Chapter 64, Acts of 1983). In 1987, the Department of Employment and Training was abolished and its functions were assigned to the Division of Employment and Training within the Department of Economic and Employment Development (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). The Division coordinates the State's public and private resources for employment and job training (Code 1957, Art. 83A, secs. 3-101 through 3-408).

Within the Division are four offices: Employment Training; Employment Services; Unemployment Insurance; and Data Processing. The Division also administers local offices in each county.

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Vacancy, *Chairperson*
(410) 333-5307

The State Advisory Council, known as the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council, helps the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development formulate policies and resolve problems concerning administration of the Unemployment Insurance Law. The Secretary appoints the Council, which consists of public members, and an equal number of employer and employee representatives (Code 1957, Art. 95A, sec. 12).

BOARD OF APPEALS

Thomas W. Keech, *Chairperson*, 1993
Paul Zimmerman, *Appeals Counsel*
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The Board of Appeals, known as the Unemployment Insurance Board of Appeals, hears appeals on claims for unemployment insurance benefits. It also hears appeals that arise under the tax provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Law and other matters that require appellate adjudication, such as appeals associated with the Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Program.

Under the Board's jurisdiction is the Appeals Division. The Division conducts hearings on all claimants' or employers' appeals from unemployment insurance claims determinations in the Department's local offices. Claimants may appeal determinations disqualifying them for benefits, and employers may appeal determinations allowing benefits. An appeals referee hears all such appeals. Any aggrieved party may appeal to the Board. Final appellate recourse is to the courts of Maryland.

The Board's three members are appointed for six-year terms by the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development with the approval of the Governor (Code 1957, Art. 95A, secs. 7, 11).

MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION COORDINATING COUNCIL

Jasmin Duckett, *Director*
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Started in 1988, the Maryland Occupational Information Coordinating Council (MOICC) operates in accordance with the federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 1990 (Title IV, Part C, secs. 422(a), 451(a)), and the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982 (secs. 125, 464). The Council improves coordination and communication among developers and users of occupational information to ensure that every Maryland citizen has the necessary occupational information for making career decisions. An interagency committee, the Council is linked to a network of committees in other states and to the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee established in 1976 by federal law (the original Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act).

The Council disseminates VISIONS and VISIONS PLUS, Maryland's Career Information Delivery System. VISIONS, for middle and junior high school students, is a software program for classroom use that links education to the world of work. VISIONS PLUS is a comprehensive career planning and information system for high school students and adults. Currently, the Council has established 209 sites statewide for accessing Maryland's Career Information Delivery System.

OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Gary Moore, *Executive Director*
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The Office of Employment Training originated in 1976 as the State Manpower Planning Office within the Department of Human Resources. The Office was reorganized in 1979 as the Training and Employment Office of the Department's Commu-