

thorized to exempt the employees who thereby become unemployed from producing evidence required under this section of the law, if it is found by the Executive Director that the circumstances and labor market conditions justify such exemptions; however, such employees must comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and must be able to work and otherwise available for work. Exemption may be granted only with regard to a specific plant shutdown, and shall not be construed to exempt any claimant from meeting the requirements of this article that he is able to work and otherwise fully available for work.

Provided further that notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, no otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits for any week because he is in training with the approval of the Executive Director, nor shall such individual be denied benefits with respect to any week in which he is in training with the approval of the Executive Director by reason of the application of the provisions in this subsection relating to availability for work and active search for work or the provisions of Section 6(d) of this article relating to failure to apply for, or refusal to accept suitable work.

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(g)(7) After December 31, 1971 "employment" shall include:

(i) Service of an individual who is a citizen of the United States, performed outside the United States (except in Canada or the Virgin Islands), in the employ of an American employer (other than service which is deemed "employment" under the provisions of § 20 (g) (2) of this article or the parallel provisions of another state law and shall be deemed to have been performed within this State), if:

The employer's principal place of business in the United States is located in this State; or

The employer has no place of business in the United States, but

The employer is an individual who is a resident of this State; or

The employer is a corporation which is organized under the laws of this State; or

The employer is a partnership or a trust and the number of the partners or trustees who are residents of this State is greater than the number who are residents of any one other state; or

None of the above criteria is met but the employer has elected coverage in this State or, the employer having failed to elect coverage in any state and, not being covered under the provisions of any other unemployment insurance law in any state, the individual has filed a claim for benefits, based on that service, under the law of this State.

For purposes of this subsection an "American employer" means a person who is an individual who is a resident of the United States; or

A partnership if two thirds or more of the partners are residents of the United States; or a trust, if all of the trustees are residents of the United States; or a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any state.