

Support Service

WorkShare Program – *Alternative to Layoffs Can Relieve MA Employers*

According to page 31 of the newly published [Mass BizWorks guide](#) for businesses, the WorkShare Program, “allows workers in the entire company, a company department, or even a small unit within the company to share reduced work hours while also collecting unemployment insurance benefits to supplement their reduced wages. The reduction of hours can range between 10% and 60%. Most employers reduce to a 32 hour work week (a 20% reduction).”

Important Message Regarding Your WorkShare Plan: (quoted from mass.gov)

“The Department of Unemployment Assistance is pleased to announce that beginning on July 1st, you will be able to use the new UI Online system to set up a WorkShare plan and to complete your weekly WorkShare benefit payment requests for your employees.”

Contact WorkShare:

DUA WorkShare Department/ Charles F. Hurley Building/ 19 Staniford Street/ Boston, MA 02114

Call: 617-626-5521

Online: www.mass.gov/dua/workshare

For more information about how Workforce Central Career Center can help your business, please contact your local Business Service Representative.

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