

**Sec. 31-235-6. Availability – general**

(a) Except as provided in section 31-235-6a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, in order to find an individual eligible for benefits for any week, the Administrator must find the individual available for full-time work during that week. An individual is available for work if the individual is genuinely exposed to the labor market. An individual is genuinely exposed to the labor market if such individual is willing, able and ready to accept suitable work.

(b) The Administrator shall find that a labor market exists for an individual, if within a reasonable geographical area, there are jobs for which such individual possesses skills and abilities. The fact that there are more persons in an area qualified for a certain type of job than there are job vacancies does not negate the existence of a labor market for the individual. Restrictions on the type of work an individual is willing to accept shall only render the individual unavailable for work if the Administrator finds that the restriction reduces such individual's prospects for securing employment to such an extent that the individual is no longer genuinely exposed to the labor market.

(c) The Administrator may deny benefits on the basis of restricted availability if the Administrator has first advised and given the individual the opportunity to comply with the requirements of section 31-235 of the Connecticut General Statutes, except as provided in section 31-235-6a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(d) The Administrator shall afford an individual a reasonable period of time within which to seek employment at such individual's highest skill and wage level. After a reasonable period of time, the Administrator may require the individual to broaden such individual's availability with respect to the type of work and wages the individual is willing to accept.

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