

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING

RULE 3

MEANING OF TERMS

The following words and phrases used in the Rhode Island Employment Security Act and the Temporary Disability Insurance Act and the Rules, forms, interpretations or other official matters issued by the Department of Labor and Training, shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meaning:

- A. “Physician” means an individual licensed to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, optometry, osteopathy and podiatry; also chiropractic and psychology within the scope of the individual’s practice as defined by applicable laws of Rhode Island, or of any other state of the United States, or such other jurisdiction. This includes, licensed clinical social workers, licensed independent clinical social workers, licensed midwives, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and psychiatric clinical nurse specialists (PCNS) as the Director in his/her discretion may allow; provided, however, that the Director may require documentary evidence of the license to practice in any case in which he/she deems such evidence to be necessary.
- B. “Week of unemployment due to sickness” shall mean a calendar week as defined in the Act, during which an individual is unable to perform his/her regular or customary work because of sickness, as defined in Section 28-39-2 (14) of the Rhode Island Temporary Disability Insurance Act; provided, however, that for the purpose of establishing a waiting period under Section 28-41-12 of the said Act, such phrase shall mean any seven (7) consecutive days of such inability.
- C. “Valid claim,” for the purpose of establishing a benefit year for Temporary Disability Insurance benefits shall mean any claim for waiting period or benefit credits made by an individual unemployed because of sickness, who, during the individual’s base period, has been paid sufficient wages for employment by employers to meet the requirements set forth in Section 28-41-11 of the Temporary Disability Insurance Act.
- D. “Calendar quarter” means a period of three consecutive calendar months ending March 31, June 30, September 30, And December 31, or, in accordance with the weekly payroll plan of any employer, any period of three consecutive months ending within 6 days before or after March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

[Reference to Employment Security Act: Section 28-42-3(19) and Temporary Disability Insurance Act: Sections 28-39-2(13), (14), (18); 28-41-11 and 28-41-12]

[Reference to Department of Labor and Training Rule 16]

