## Regulations for Specific Unemployed Workers

## Employment Promotion Allowances in Taipei City

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Article 1 In order to encourage employment willingness on specific unemployed workers, Taipei City Government (hereinafter referred to as Our Government) deals with employment promotion allowances. The regulations are established according to paragraph 3 of Article 24 of the Employment Service Act.

Article 2 The competent authority for the regulations is Taipei City Employment Services Office (hereinafter referred to as Employment Services Office).

- Article 3 The specific unemployed workers specified in the regulations refer to those who have their household registration in Taipei City for more than four months and are unemployed at the moment, as well as satisfying one of the following conditions:
  - 1. Bears the family budget on one's own
  - 2. Aged 40 years old or above
  - 3. Disabled
  - 4. Aboriginals
  - 5. Low-income or middle-low-income households who have

working ability

- 6. Unemployed for a long duration
- Withdrew from the labor market for more than two years due to family factors and would like to return to the workplace
- 8. Victim of domestic violence
- 9. Rehabilitating ex-inmate under protection
- 10. New immigrants
- 11. With learning disability.
- 12. Satisfied the requirement of Taipei City Resident Welfare-to-Work Assistance Self-Governance Ordinance and obtained the qualification of temporary worker
- 13. Recognized as the labors who suffer from occupational accident by Bureau of Labor Insurance, MOL or other relevant authorities or those labors' spouses and first degree of kinship.
- 14. Others appointed by the announcement from the Employment Services Office.

The recognition method and the documents required for above paragraph are specified in the table attached.

Article 4 Specific unemployed workers should fill out participation consent form for the Employment Services Office to issue employment referral card. The referral card with employment offer confirmation should be returned to the Employment Services Office within seven days after employment before claiming the allowance specified in the regulations.

Article 5 If the level of monthly insurance salary for labor insurance that

specific unemployed workers take out is below the standard published by the Employment Services Office, they are entitled to apply for the allowance to the Employment Services Office every month within thirty days after they are employed by the same employer for more than one month. Following documents should be submitted for the first application:

- 1. Application form.
- 2. Participation consent form.
- 3. Photocopy of front and back sides of identity card or resident permit and photocopy of new household certificate (including records in detail) or the electronic household registration transcript issued in the most recent three months.
- 4. Documents specified on the attached table addressed in paragraph 2 of Article 3.
- 5. Employment certificate or supporting document for continuous 30-day employment after referral.
- 6. Photocopy of bank passbook cover.
- 7. Receipt.

For the worker who receives allowance in the same grant case, they should apply for allowance for the second month and afterwards according to the above regulations. The application should be submitted within the deadline specified above, along with the documents stated in aforementioned subparagraph 1 and subparagraphs 5~7. However, if there is any change on the documents in aforementioned subparagraphs 3 and 4, the documents after change must be submitted. The delivery of above article and the application of subparagraph 2 should be carried by post and the date on postmark will be regarded as the delivery date. If they are not submitted by post, it will be based on the delivery date to the Employment Services Office.

The recognition of the employment period stated in employment subparagraph 1 starts from the insurance subscription date after the unemployed work reports to work or the effective date of labor insurance.

Article 6 When the application is reviewed by the Employment Services Office, it is based on reviewing of written documents. If necessary, a dedicated person will be sent for field survey. The applicant must not avoid, interfere or reject.

- Article 7 If any of the following situations is applicable to the applicant, the Employment Services Office can turn down the application:
  - 1. Failure to return the employment referral card with employment confirmation to the Employment Services Office according to Article 4.
  - The application is beyond the deadline specified in paragraph 1 of Article 5.
  - 3. Avoiding, interfering or rejecting the field survey done by the Employment Services Office.
  - 4. In the event when the applicant fails to provide supplementary documentation within the time allowed after being of notified of insufficient proper documentation.

Article 8 After the application is reviewed, the Employment Services

Office should notify the applicant in writing for the review result with reasons stated.

Article 9 For the specific unemployed workers receiving allowances, their working hours per week is more than 32 hours and more than 20 hours per week for the disabled, the allowance is NT\$5,000 every month. Article 10 The term of the allowance in the regulations is six months within two years after the first application date for each person.

Specific unemployed workers receiving allowances can change different employers once during the allowance-granting period. For those who continue allowance application after change to different employer, they should meet the provisions in the regulations and the period of the allowance should be combined for calculation.

Article 11 No allowance will be granted if the specific unemployed workers involve with one of the following situations:

- 1. The applicant has applied for early reemployment incentives as addressed in the Employment Insurance Act with the current enterprise employed.
- 2. The applicant has received one-off financial assistance under the private donation subsidy for welfare-to-work program promoted Department of Social Welfare, Taipei City Government.
- 3. Re-employment by the same enterprise after resigning for less than one year.
- Article 12 The Employment Services Office will investigate the actual employment status of the applicant who receives the allowance.

When necessary, a record should be kept through recording, photo-taking, and video-taking. The applicant must not avoid, interfere or reject.

- Article 13 If the worker who receives the allowance involves with one of the following situations, the Employment Services Office is entitled to cancel or abolish all or part of the original allowance granted depends on the seriousness of the matter. The allowance granted will be asked to return partially or in-full within the deadline:
  - 1. Applying for the allowance by deception or other improper method or providing fake or untrue information on the application.
  - 2. Involvement with the situations specified in paragraph 1 of Article 12 in the Labor Standards Act, and thus the employment contract is terminated by the employer.
  - 3. Involvement with situations which constitutes the denial of allowances, as specified in Article 11.
  - 4. Failure to achieve continuous employment with the same employer for more than thirty days.
  - 5. No actual employment during the period for allowance.
  - 6. Avoiding, interfering or rejecting the field survey specified above without proper reasons.

Article 14 The amount of allowance specified in the regulations is limited on the annual budget. When the budget of the year has run out, no application will be accepted and the Employment Services Office will publish the notice. Article 15 The format of the form required for the regulations will be determined by the Employment Services Office.

Article 16 The regulations shall be implemented from the publication date. The articles with the regulations amended and published on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was implemented on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.