

Privacy Act of 1974 System of Records Notice

U.S. RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Name RRB-6: Unemployment Insurance Record File

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System Location District Offices: See Appendix I for addresses.

Security Classification None.

Categories of Individuals Covered by the System Claimants for unemployment benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) and their respective employers.

Categories of Records in the System

Development file containing letters from claimants, report of Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act fraud investigations and supporting evidence, erroneous payment investigations, protest and appeal requests and responses.

Authority for Maintenance of the System

Section 12(I) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 362(I))

Purpose(s)

This system of records is used for filing general information about applicants for RUIA benefits. If an applicant files for unemployment insurance benefits, some of the information in this file will be also placed in the claimants UI file.

Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and Purposes of Such Uses

- a. Beneficiary identifying information may be released to third party contacts to determine if incapacity of the beneficiary or potential beneficiary to understand or use benefits exists, and to determine the suitability of a proposed representative payee.
- b. Benefit rate, name and address may be referred to the Treasury Department to control for reclamation and return of outstanding benefit checks, to issue benefit checks, reconcile reports of non-delivery, and to insure delivery of payments to the correct address or account of the beneficiary or representative payee.
- c. Beneficiary's name, address, payment rate, date and number, plus supporting evidence may be released to the U.S. Postal Service for investigation of alleged forgery or theft of railroad unemployment or sickness benefit payments.
- d. Identifying information such as full name, address, date of birth, social security number, employee identification number, and date last worked, may be released to any last employer to verify entitlement for benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.
- e. Pursuant to a request from an employer covered by the Railroad Retirement Act or the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act,



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information regarding the Board's payment of unemployment or sickness benefits, the methods by which such benefits are calculated, entitlement data and present address may be released to the requesting employer for the purposes of determining entitlement to and rates of private supplemental pension, sickness or unemployment benefits and to calculate estimated benefits due.

- f. Benefit rates and effective dates may be released to the Social Security Administration, Bureau of Supplemental Security Income, to Federal, State and local welfare or public aid agencies to assist them in processing applications for benefits under their respective programs.
- g. In the event the Board has determined to designate a person to be the representative payee of an incompetent beneficiary, disclosure of information concerning the benefit amount and other similar information may be made to the representative payee from the record of the individual.
- h. Records may be disclosed to the General Accountability Office for auditing purposes and for collection of debts arising from overpayments under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, as amended.
- i. The last addresses and employer information may be disclosed to the Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Parent Locator Service.
- j. (Standard Disclosure 1.)
- k. If a request for information pertaining to an individual is made by an official of a labor organization of which the individual is a member and the request is made on behalf of the individual, information from the record of the individual concerning this benefit or anticipated benefit may be disclosed to the labor organization official.
- I. Records may be disclosed in a court proceeding relating to any claims for benefits by the beneficiary under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act and may be disclosed during the course of an administrative appeal to individuals who need the records to prosecute or decide the appeal or to individuals who are requested to provide information relative to an issue involved in the appeal.
- m. (Standard Disclosure 4.)
- n. (Standard Disclosure 7.)
- o. Beneficiary identifying and claim period information may be



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furnished to states for the purpose of their notifying the RRB whether claimants were paid state unemployment or sickness benefits and also whether wages were reported for them. For claimants that a state identifies as having received state unemployment benefits, RRB benefit information may be furnished the state for the purpose of recovery of the amount of the duplicate payments which is made.

p. (Standard Disclosure 2.)

Disclosure to Consumer Reporting Agencies None.

Policies and Practices for Storing, Retrieving, Accessing, Retaining, and Disposing of Records in the System

Storage Paper

Retrievability Name, social security number.

Safeguards Kept in steel file cabinets away from the general public and are

available only to district office and regional office personnel.

Retention and Disposal Shredded five years after end of benefit year in which originated.

System Manager(s) and

Address

Office of Programs--Director of Policy and Systems, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-

2092.

Notification Procedure Requests for information regarding an individual's records should be

in writing, including full name, social security number, and railroad retirement claim number (if any) of the individual. Before any information about any record will be released, the individual may be required to provide proof of identity or authorization from the individual to permit release of information. Requests should be sent to the Office of Programs--Director of Operations, U.S. Railroad

Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-

2092.

Record Access Procedure See Notification section above.

Contesting Record

Procedure

See Notification section above.

Record Source Categories Individual claimant or his authorized representative, employers,

State employment and unemployment claims records, Federal, and

Social Security Administration employer compensation reports.

Exemptions Claimed for

the System

None.