

INFORMATION NOTICE

WORKFORCE SERVICES

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: TREASURY OFFSET PROGRAM FOR UI OVERPAYMENT DEBTS

The purpose of this Information Notice is to inform America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM staff that the Employment Development Department (EDD) is expanding its participation in the federal Treasury Offset Program (TOP) to also include Unemployment Insurance (UI) fraud overpayments; presently, only employer tax debts are referred to the TOP.

The TOP, administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, is a centralized offset program the EDD will now be using to collect (UI) overpayments due to fraud. Under this program, the EDD will refer UI fraud overpayment debts to the TOP to be collected from federal income tax refunds.

On May 29, 2014, the EDD began mailing the new "Notice of Intent to Offset Your Federal Income Tax Refund" (DE 957) to an estimated 360,000 UI claimants. The Notice provides a 60-day period to pay the debt in full or submit evidence that the debt is not owed, provides a coupon for making payments, and provides the EDD web address for an informational web page titled, [Your Income Tax Refund, Lottery Winnings, or Unclaimed Property Funds Were Sent to the EDD.](#)

Staff should refer all inquiries about the DE 957 to the EDD's Tax Branch Benefit Overpayment Collection Section's (BOCS) call center at 1-800-676-5737. Claimants should be advised to select their language preference, and then press "0" to be connected to a BOCS representative.

For more information about the TOP program, please visit the following links:

- [Your Tax Return or Lottery Money](#) – provides information on how an income tax refund is sent to the EDD.
- [TOP Frequently Asked Questions](#) – provides more information on how the EDD will be participating in the TOP.
- [Bureau of the Fiscal Service](#) – provides a series of Frequently Asked Questions about the TOP.

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