



TURN UNEMPLOYMENT INTO OPPORTUNITY.

The **Self Employment Assistance (SEA) Program** can help you leverage your unemployment insurance to start your own business.

SEA provides support and resources to help build your own business and be your own boss. With no requirement for weekly job searches, you can focus on building your business full time. You can keep the profits you earn, and still receive up to 26 weeks of unemployment insurance.





To Qualify for SEA, You Must:

- Be eligible for, and receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits
- Be unlikely to return to your previous employment and not a member in good standing with a closed shop union
- Have been identified as likely to exhaust unemployment benefits
- Have a viable business idea and willing to work full-time on developing your business
- Have or be able to obtain the financial backing to start and sustain the business until it becomes self-supporting
- If the business requires an occupational license, you must have that license at the time of your SEA application

Once accepted to the program, you'll be excused from the weekly work search requirement in order to work full-time on building your business. You'll be expected to complete a business plan and market feasibility study, and to get any additional training, if required.



Support and Resources

Even if you've never run a business before, you can start with confidence. Additional resources including counseling and business advice may also be available. You're guaranteed your full unemployment insurance as you continue to show progress implementing your business plan.

To learn more about the Self Employment Assistance Program visit www.OregonSEA.org

