

Dear colleagues,

As you well know it was announced by the government that all the unemployment procedures will be done automatically as a result of the COVID-19 situation.

Whilst most of this statement is true it appears that there is a bit of discrepancy between the whole country.

The petition for **unemployment benefits is still being done by the companies** however it seems that two “Comunidades Autonomas”; Andalucía and Cataluña are still expecting for the **individuals to register as job seekers** if resident in these “autonomias”.

For us in BCN, if you have already registered at some point in your life as a job seeker in Cataluña there is no need to do anything, but if not, **we recommend you to do so**, just in case, to avoid any possible issues in the future with the unemployment office as per our legal team’s advice.

In order to do so you can access the following link and read carefully the instructions at the bottom.

<http://web.gencat.cat/ca/tramits/tramits-temes/Renovacio-de-la-demanda-ocupacio?category=76dd0346-a82c-11e3-a972-000c29052e2c&moda=1>

We have prepared a **tutorial video** that will guide you step by step on how to register in the “Servei Public de Ocupacio de Catalunya”.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jhtBvj-DkjchQ_rSP_PWMPgQv9h2vXW4/view

As an always if you have any doubts or queries please feel to contact us at any time.

Keep Safe

Your SITCPLA reps.