



## FURNITURE BARGAINING COUNCIL

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### **CIRCULAR 10/20**

#### **TO ALL EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES**

#### **COVID-19 – APPLYING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND BENEFITS**

The Council has now received a response from the UIF division of the Department of Employment and Labour (DOEL). The options made available by the UIF where our Council can possibly consider assistance to the UIF, will in our opinion only delay the process unnecessary, as it would add an additional step to the process resulting in employees being without money for a longer period.

Council has opted to focus its input on urging all employers who have enforced the prescribed lock-down as regulated, to urgently go ahead without any delay to apply directly to the UIF for the available assistance for employees.

The UIF confirmed that it has placed all final and signed “Memoranda of Agreements” and other relevant documentation on its dedicated electronic mailbox namely **[covid19ters@labour.gov.za](mailto:covid19ters@labour.gov.za)**. This electronic portal will also be used to process your applications.

Please note that all the required information to claim for the special UIF national disaster relief, can be found on the web sites of both the Furniture Bargaining Council (**[www.furnbed.co.za](http://www.furnbed.co.za)**) and FBUMA (**[www.fbuma.co.za](http://www.fbuma.co.za)**). Employers are urgently advised to utilise this dedicated mailbox (send an e-mail to **[covid19ters@labour.gov.za](mailto:covid19ters@labour.gov.za)**), as an automatic reply will provide employers with information on the final required documentation to be completed, as well as the process to be followed for submissions.

**Kindly ensure that all the provisions of this Circular are complied with. Please contact the Council’s Inspectorate Department should you require any additional information or require clarity on any matter in this Circular.**

**Please do not contact any junior staff members of the Council for any additional information or clarity regarding this Circular.**

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