

# If you're filing for UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE due to the Covid-19 pandemic, here is what you need to know.

**The fastest way to apply is online at:**

<https://www.vawc.virginia.gov/vosnet/>

**If you have to apply by phone 1-866-832-2363**

(Available 8:15am to 4:30pm, Monday - Friday)

**What you need to file:**

- Social Security number
- Names and addresses of all your employers for the last 18 months.
- Your Alien Registration card number if you are not a U.S. Citizen and have a card.
- You will be asked to select a method of payment: VA Debit Card or Direct Deposit. If you select Direct Deposit, you will need to have your bank's Routing Number and your Account Number.

**Note: The waiting week is temporarily suspended. Eligible Claimants may receive benefits for the first week they are unemployed**

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**If your claim is approved:**

**Ongoing filing requirements:** Approved claims must be filed on a weekly basis. Weekly requests must be filed when the claim week ends (after midnight on Saturday).

**Taxes:** Federal tax owed, not VA or local municipality taxes.

**Job search:** Temporarily waived for all claimants. Claimants are required to prove they have applied or searched for a new job to maintain their UI benefits.

*Information is changing rapidly. For official info check with the state unemployment office.*

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You **may** be eligible if:

- An employer needs to temporarily slow or cease operations due to COVID-19.
- You have been told to self-quarantine by a medical or public health official and are not receiving paid sick or medical leave from their employer.
- You must stay home to care for an ill family member and are not receiving paid family medical leave from their employer.

**Weekly payment information:**

The maximum benefit is \$378/week.  
Benefit duration varies from 12 to 26 weeks.

