

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

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

**The fastest way to apply is online at**  
[https://uics.delawareworks.com/Forms/Form\\_WL1](https://uics.delawareworks.com/Forms/Form_WL1)

## **If you aren't able to apply online,**

call the following numbers for options  
depending on your county:

**New Castle County: 302-761-6576**

**Kent & Sussex County: 800-794-3032**

The phone lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Expect  
busy signals, long waits, or having to call back.

## **What you need to file:**

- Social Security Number
- Telephone Number
- Driver's License or State Motor Vehicle Agency ID
- Union Contact Information
- Contact Information & Dates of Employment of Employers for the Last 18 months
- Education History
- Alien Registration number, if applicable

**Note: If asked on the application "Are you employed through union hiring hall?", answer "NO"**

## **If your claim is approved:**

**To maintain your unemployment benefits, you must:**

- File weekly requests for payment

**How much money can you receive?**

- People generally receive half of their weekly wages up to \$400 per week. Benefits can be paid out for as long as 26 weeks.

**Are unemployment insurance payments taxable?**

- Federal taxes owed, not Delaware or local taxes.

## **You may be eligible if:**

- *Your employer has temporarily shut down due to the COVID-19 outbreak*
- *You have been ordered to self-quarantine by your doctor*
- *You have been forced to quit or take unpaid leave to care for children because of school closings or a loved one who has contracted COVID-19*
- *You have fallen ill from COVID-19 and you are unable to work*
- *Part-time workers are eligible*



**\*\*\*See the “Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Benefits” information below for details about expanded unemployment compensation benefits under the recently passed federal law\*\*\***

## ***Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Benefits Under the New Federal CARES Act***

### **1. *Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation:***

- a. For workers who qualify for normal unemployment compensation benefits under their state program.
- b. Benefits:
  - An additional \$600 a week (until 7/31/2020) on top of state unemployment benefits.
  - Benefits are available for an additional 13 weeks beyond what the state provides.

### **2. *Pandemic Unemployment Assistance:***

- a. For workers who do not qualify for regular unemployment compensation. You may qualify if you:
  - Are looking for part-time work
  - Have already used up your unemployment benefits
  - Do not have enough earnings to qualify for normal unemployment
  - Are self-employed
- b. You are not working because:
  - You cannot start work or get to work because of the emergency;
  - Your worksite is closed due to the emergency
  - You are diagnosed with COVID-19, have the symptoms of COVID-19 or self-quarantine under the direction of a health-care provider;
  - A member of your household has COVID-19 or you are caring for a member of your household with COVID-19;
  - You have to take care of a child whose school or childcare facility is closed
  - You are the major earner in your household because the head of household died from COVID-19
  - If you had to quit your job as a direct result of COVID-19
- c. Requirements:
  - You must certify that you are partially or fully unemployed and unable to work because of one or more of the reasons listed above
  - Cannot work from home
  - Are not receiving any paid sick leave
- d. Benefits:
  - Benefit amount is \$600 per week (until 7/31/2020) plus ½ of the state’s average weekly unemployment benefit, except for those who were eligible but exhausted state unemployment benefits, the benefit amount is \$600 per week plus the full amount the state benefit.
  - Benefits are available for a maximum of 39 weeks (including any weeks which a worker received state unemployment benefits).

