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 **www.uc.pa.gov**

The U.I. offices are getting a tremendous number of requests, filing online is the best option.

**If you have to apply by phone,**
call **888-313-7284**

Lines are not open Wednesday until 2PM or Friday afternoon. Expect busy signals, long waits or having to call back.

**What you need to file:**
- Social Security Number
- Mailing address
- Email address if signing up online

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

**If your claim is approved:**

**Ongoing filing requirements:** Approved claims must be filed every two weeks (Sunday or any day during the following week till Friday 4PM).

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

**Job search:** Temporarily waived for all claimants. Claimants are not required to prove they have applied or searched for a new job to maintain their UC benefits. Claimants are also not required to register with www.PACareerLink.gov.

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**You may be eligible if:**
- Your job or worksite closes and you are not reassigned
- You have one job, work part-time & your hours are reduced
- You have more than one job and your total hours are reduced below full time (30 hrs. a week)
- You’ve been told not to work to mitigate Covid-19 spreading.
- You’ve been told to quarantine or self-isolate

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**Weekly payment information:** Weekly UC check amount approximately ½ weekly gross pay up to ($573 max) for up to 26 weeks.

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

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32BJ Pennsylvania: 1515 Market Street, Philadelphia PA, 19102
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).