

# Arizona Unemployment Information

<b>Waiting Period</b>	7 day waiting period has been waived due to COVID-19 response
<b>Job Search Requirements</b>	Work search activities have been waived due to COVID-19 response
<b>Recertification Frequency</b>	Recertification needs to be completed every week.
<b>Weekly Benefit (WBA) Calculation</b>	The weekly benefit amount is 4% of the wages paid in the highest quarter of your base period.
<b>Maximum Weekly Benefit</b>	The current maximum WBA is \$240.
<b>Maximum # of Payments</b>	Maximum benefit is 1/3 of total base period and no more than 26x the weekly benefit.
<b>Tools and Websites</b>	<a href="https://des.az.gov/services/employment/unemployment-individual/apply-ui-benefits">https://des.az.gov/services/employment/unemployment-individual/apply-ui-benefits</a>
<b>Ways to apply for benefits</b>	The preferred way to apply is online, using the link above. You may be able to access the website on your smartphone. If you do not have internet access, you can call (877)600-2722 to apply. Due to COVID-19, visiting the DES offices is not advised at this time.
<b>When to apply</b>	Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits are not retroactive: therefore, you should apply for UI Benefits as soon as possible after the last day of work. If you are still currently working, you will need to wait until after your last day of work to complete your application for UI benefits.
<b>Information needed to apply</b>	The following information is needed to file an application (initial claim) for benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your Social Security Number</li> <li>• Arizona Driver's License or Arizona State Issued ID (Note: you may still complete your application without these two items)</li> <li>• Your mailing address, city, state and ZIP code</li> <li>• If you live in Arizona, know the county where you reside</li> <li>• The names, addresses, and phone numbers of all your employers for the last 18 months</li> <li>• The last day you worked immediately prior to filing your UI claim</li> <li>• If you received severance, vacation, holiday or payment for unused sick pay: give the amount (before deductions) and the date it was paid to you</li> <li>• The name and local number of your union hall, if applicable</li> <li>• Alien Registration Number, if applicable</li> <li>• Copy # 4 of your DD Form 214 if released from the military in the last 18 months</li> <li>• SF 8 or SF 50 if employed in Federal Civilian service in the last 18 months</li> <li>• If you are collecting a pension (other than Social Security), you will need the start date of the pension and the monthly benefit amount</li> <li>• When you apply for UI benefits, you must provide the correct mailing address and telephone number for your most recent employer (the individual or company you worked for immediately prior to filing your application for benefits).</li> </ul>
<b>Child support and unemployment benefits</b>	If you are responsible for child support payments, the Division of Child Support Services may deduct a portion of your weekly benefit amount. Any amount deducted as child support is part of the unemployment insurance benefits paid to you.