

# California Unemployment Information

<b>Waiting Period</b>	There is no waiting period during the 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 other week.
<b>Weekly Benefit (WBA) Calculation</b>	The weekly benefit amount is determined by dividing your earnings for the highest paid quarter of the base period by 26.
<b>Maximum Weekly Benefit</b>	The current maximum WBA is \$450.
<b>Maximum # of Payments</b>	Maximum benefit is 1/2 of total base period and no more than 26x the weekly benefit.
<b>Tools and Websites</b>	<a href="https://www.edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/">https://www.edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/</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. Once you've registered, you can download the UI Online Mobil app to monitor your benefits and certify. If you do not have internet access, you can call (800)300-5616 to apply.
<b>When to apply</b>	File your UI claim in the first week that you lose your job or have your hours reduced. Your claim begins on the Sunday of the week you submitted your application. If you previously filed a UI claim within the last 52 weeks and have not exhausted your benefits, you must reopen your claim to resume benefits.
<b>Information needed to apply</b>	You will need to provide your personal information and your: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last employer information including company name, supervisor's name, address (mailing and physical location) and phone number</li> <li>• Last date worked and the reason you are no longer working</li> <li>• Gross earnings in the last week you worked, beginning with Sunday and ending with your last day of work</li> <li>• Information on all employers you worked for during the past 18 months, including name, address (mailing and physical location), the dates of employment, gross wages earned, hours worked per week, hourly rate of pay, and the reason you are no longer working.</li> <li>• Notice to Federal Employees About Unemployment Insurance, Standard Form 8 (former federal employees only)</li> <li>• DD 214 Member 4 copy (ex-military only)</li> <li>• Citizenship status, and, if you are not a U.S. citizen, information from your employment authorization document</li> </ul>
<b>Child support and unemployment benefits</b>	If you have past-due child support over \$150, the local child support agency can request that a percentage of your unemployment earnings be withheld to pay that debt.