

North Dakota Unemployment Information

Waiting Period	7 day waiting period has been waived due to COVID-19 response
Job Search Requirements	Work search activities have been waived due to COVID-19 response
Recertification Frequency	Recertification needs to be completed every week.
Weekly Benefit (WBA) Calculation	<p>The approximate weekly benefit amount will be the total of your highest two and one-half quarters of base period earnings divided by 65.</p> <p>The total number of weeks you can receive benefits ranges from 12 to 26 weeks. This duration is calculated by dividing the total number of wages in your base period by your highest quarter.</p>
Maximum Weekly Benefit	\$618 weekly
Maximum # of Payments	Ranges from 12x to 26x the weekly benefit amount.
Tools and Websites	<p>https://www.jobsnd.com/unemployment-individuals</p> <p>https://www.jobsnd.com/sites/www/files/documents/jsnd-documents/uiclaimantguidejsnd40032020.pdf</p>
Ways to apply for benefits	<p>The preferred way to apply is online, using the link above. You may be able to access the website on your smartphone. North Dakota's unemployment mobile application does not support benefit management at this time.</p> <p>If you do not have internet access, you can call (701)328-4995 to apply. Due to the COVID-19 response, physical centers are closed.</p>
When to apply	<p>For unemployment insurance purposes the week begins on Sunday and ends on the following Saturday at midnight.</p> <p>You should file your claim the week in which you become unemployed. The effective date of your claim is the Sunday of the week it is filed. Claims cannot be backdated to an earlier week so it is important to file as soon as possible after becoming unemployed.</p>
Information needed to apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Social Security Number • Name, address and telephone number of all employers for whom you worked in the last 18 months or since last registering • Wage you are willing to accept • Union Local name and number • DD214 member copy 4 (proof of military service and wages) • SF8 and SF50 (proof of federal civilian service and wages) • Your alien identification number (non-U.S. citizen authorized to work in the U.S.)
Child support and unemployment benefits	<p>Federal law may require Job Service to make deductions from your unemployment insurance payments to satisfy your child support obligation. Job Service North Dakota, acting under court order, cannot modify or change a withholding order. Contact the child support agency responsible for enforcing the obligation if a question concerning child support withholding arises. Once established, the child support withholding amount will remain in effect until it is changed or cancelled by the child support agency.</p>