

South Dakota Unemployment Information

Waiting Period	7 day waiting period has been waived due to COVID-19 response
Job Search Requirements	Waived due to furlough
Recertification Frequency	Recertification needs to be completed every week.
Weekly Benefit (WBA) Calculation	<p>South Dakota reemployment assistance weekly benefit amounts range between \$28 and \$414 per week. Your eligibility requires a minimum amount of earnings in a “base period.” The specific weekly amount is determined by a formula that considers the wages earned during each quarter of the base period.</p> <p>Your weekly benefit is 1/26th of the wages paid in the highest quarter of your base period, up to a maximum weekly benefit amount determined by the state’s average weekly wage. Your wages in the highest quarter of your base period must be at least \$728.</p> <p>Also, your wages in the other three quarters of your base period must be at least 20 times your weekly benefit.</p>
Maximum Weekly Benefit	The current maximum WBA is \$414.
Maximum # of Payments	The maximum amount payable in your benefit year is one-third your total base period wages, but not more than 26 times your weekly benefit.
Tools and Websites	<p>https://dlr.sd.gov/ra/covid_19_ra_eligibility.aspx</p> <p>https://dlr.sd.gov/ra/individuals/file_claim.aspx</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.</p> <p>If you do not have internet access, you can call (605)626-3179 to apply.</p>
When to apply	<p>You should file a claim for benefits on or after your last day of work. A claim filed on a Sunday is effective that Sunday, and a claim filed on Monday through Saturday is effective on the Sunday preceding the date the claim was filed.</p> <p>If filing by phone, file on the appropriate day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your last name starts with A-F, file on Monday If your last name starts with G-N, file on Tuesday If your last name starts with O-Z, file on Wednesday <p>Any applicant can file on Thursday or Friday.</p>
Information needed to apply	<p>You will need the following information to file:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Number • Driver’s license number or other state identification number • Your employment history for the last 18 months, including business names, complete addresses and phone numbers of all employers • The name and local number of your union hall, if you obtain work through the union • Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. Citizen • Your SF-8 and SF-50 forms if you are a federal employee • Your DD214 if you served in the military
Child support and unemployment benefits	If a noncustodial parent owes past due child support, DCS may withhold or intercept periodic or lump sum payments the noncustodial parent receives from state or local agencies, including unemployment insurance.