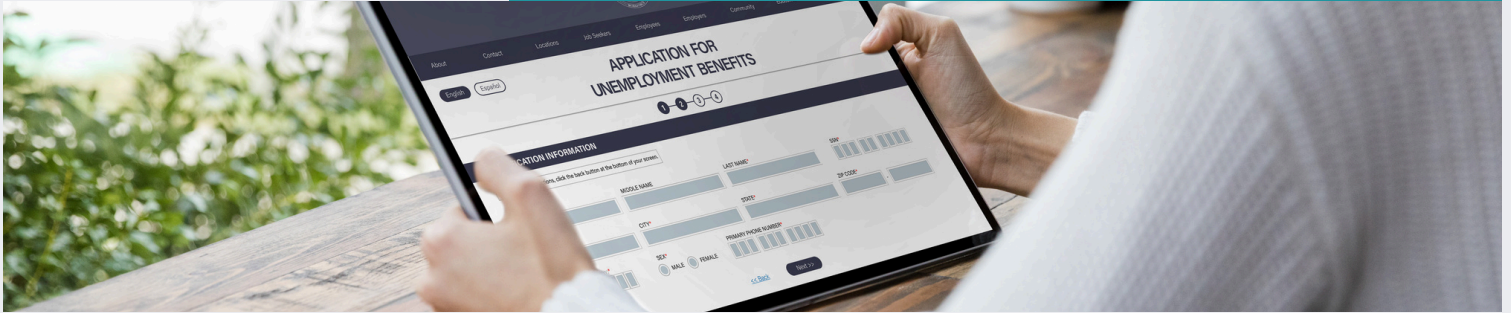


UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

DID YOU KNOW?



- Unemployment insurance benefits provide temporary financial assistance to workers unemployed through no fault of their own and who meet Virginia's eligibility requirements.
- Benefits are paid through state and federal unemployment taxes collected from employers.
- Unemployment benefits are **NOT** disability benefits. For information about disability benefits visit [Virginia Disability Determination Services \(DDS\)](#).

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- **YOU MUST BE INVOLUNTARILY UNEMPLOYED, FOR EXAMPLE DUE TO A LAYOFF OR FURLOUGH.**
- **YOU MUST MEET CERTAIN EARNINGS QUALIFICATIONS.**
- **YOU MUST BE ABLE AND AVAILABLE TO WORK.**
- **YOU MUST BE ACTIVELY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.**

WHO'S INELIGIBLE?

- Quit your job without good cause.
- Fired for misconduct such as: Falsifying information on your application; failing a drug test; repeatedly late for work.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

If you are unable to work FULL-TIME or without restrictions during the typical or standard hours for the type of work you're seeking, you're **NOT** eligible for unemployment benefits.

If you can work full-time but are only willing to work from home, you're **NOT** eligible for unemployment benefits. While you may prefer telework, you must be ready and able to accept non-remote work.

It may take up to 21 days to receive a decision or your first payment.

To file a claim online - It's E-Z with ID.ME!

From the VEC website, click on Customer Self Service and click the GREEN button.

These are intended to be general informational guidelines. For more information: www.vec.virginia.gov

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