

What is Unemployment Insurance?

Unemployment Insurance (UI) is a temporary income assistance program for Massachusetts workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, and are:

- Able to work
- Available for work, and
- Actively looking for work

Funding for UI benefits comes from quarterly contributions paid by the state's employers to the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA). Employees do not contribute to unemployment insurance.

When should you apply for UI benefits?

If you have been separated from work, or your hours have been reduced, you should file a claim for UI benefits **during your first week** of total or partial unemployment. Your claim will begin on the Sunday of the calendar week in which your claim is filed. This date is known as the effective claim date.

You will not be paid benefits for any week of unemployment preceding the effective date of your claim.

Important note:

You may request benefits only if you are in the United States, its territories, or Canada. You should not request benefits for any week you are outside the United States, its territories, or Canada.

This pamphlet includes important information on how to apply for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Este folleto contiene información importante sobre cómo solicitar los beneficios del Seguro de Desempleo.

Este panfleto contém informações importantes sobre como registrar-se para receber benefícios de subsídio de desemprego.

Данный проспект содержит важную информацию о процессе подачи заявления на получение Страхового пособия по безработице.

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Il presente opuscolo contiene importanti informazioni riguardanti la modalità di richiesta per l'indennità di disoccupazione.

Cette brochure comporte d'importants renseignements sur la façon de demander des prestations d'assurance-chômage.

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这本小册子包括如何申请失业保险金的重要信息。

이 팸플렛에는 실업 보험 급여의 신청 방법에 대한 중요한 정보가 들어 있습니다.

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To Massachusetts Workers: How to File a Claim for Unemployment Insurance Benefits

To Massachusetts employers:

Under the state's Employment and Training Law, M.G.L. Chapter 151A, you must provide a copy of this pamphlet as soon as practicable, but no more than 30 days, from the last day the employee performed compensable work. You must provide this pamphlet to each of your employees who is separated from work, permanently or temporarily. Please complete the information below:

Employer name

Mailing address

Phone number

Federal employer ID number



File Online

To file your new UI claim or reopen an established claim online, visit our website at: www.mass.gov/dua/uionline.

1. Select **Log in to UI Online for Claimants**.
2. Create a UI Online account or log in to an existing account.
3. Complete all the information requested and submit your application.
4. Be sure to include your phone number and email address to make it easier for us to contact you if there are questions about your application.

UI Online is available 6:00 am to 10:00 pm, 7 days a week.

Need Help?

If you have questions about your eligibility, please review the eligibility requirements online at: www.mass.gov/dua/eligibility.

For assistance creating a UI Online account, visit: www.mass.gov/dua/fileclaim.

Information Needed to File a Claim

To apply for unemployment, you need to provide personal information including your Social Security number, birth date, home address, email address, and phone number.

You also need information about your employment history from the last 15 months, including:

- Names of all employers, plus addresses and phone numbers
- Reasons for leaving those jobs
- Work start and end dates
- Recall date (if you were laid off but have a set date to return to work)

You may need additional information in certain situations:

- If you are not a U.S. citizen — your Alien Registration number or verification that you are legally allowed to work in the United States.
- If you have dependent children — their birth dates and Social Security numbers
- If you're in a union — your union name and local number
- If you were in the military — your DD-214 Member 4 form. If you don't have it, you can request your DD-214 online at www.dd214.us.

To receive payments by direct deposit, you'll need your bank name, account number and routing number. Otherwise, DUA will send you a debit card.



File by Phone

To file your new UI claim or reopen an established claim by phone, you can:

- Schedule a callback from the TeleClaim Center by visiting our website at: www.mass.gov/dua/schedulecallback.
- Call the TeleClaim Center at (617) 626-6800 or toll-free at (877) 626-6800. Please adhere to the call-in schedule below.

The TeleClaim Center is available 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.