

COVID-19: CHANGES TO KENTUCKY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

KENTUCKY HAS MADE SOME CHANGES TO MAKE IT EASIER TO OBTAIN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DUE TO COVID-19. BELOW ARE SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

Who Is Eligible For Unemployment Benefits Due To the Coronavirus?

- You may be eligible for unemployment benefits if:
 - You have been laid-off.
 - Had a cut in hours.
 - Lost your job due to having to self-isolate due to COVID-19.
- Unemployment benefits have been temporarily extended to people who do not traditionally qualify for unemployment such as: self-employed individuals, contractors, employees of religious organizations, substitute teachers, gig workers, people who worked part-time, and etc. All people in need should apply to see if they qualify.

Do You Have To Search For A New Job When You Are Receiving Unemployment Benefits Due To COVID-19?

- The work search requirement is temporarily waived while Kentucky is under a state of emergency.

What Does Unemployment Pay?

- The weekly benefit amount is based on a percentage of the amount earned in each of the last 4 quarters. In Kentucky, the benefit ranges from \$39 up to \$552 per week. Benefits typically only last for 26 weeks, but have been extended to last up to 39 weeks.

How Do I Apply?

- To apply for unemployment insurance, visit the Kentucky Career Center's unemployment benefits page at <https://uiclaims.des.ky.gov/ebenefit/eben.htm> If you cannot apply online, you can call them at 502-875-0442. Applications are being taken in order by last name: Sunday: A-D, Monday: E-H, Tuesday: I-L, Wednesday: M-P, Thursday: Q-U, Friday: V-Z and anyone else who missed their day.
- Applicants will need to provide a name, social security number, birthday, phone number, email and postal address and employment details for the last 18 months. You should apply as soon as possible as there is no longer a week waiting period to draw benefits. See the Kentucky Career Center's website for more information at <https://kcc.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx> .

Can I Appeal If I Am Wrongfully Denied Unemployment Benefits?

- Yes you can. Parties have 15 days from the mailing date on the Notice of Determination to file an appeal. Call Legal Aid of the Bluegrass to see if you might be eligible for representation when you have been wrongfully denied benefits at 859-431-8200.

IF THIS DID NOT FULLY ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. PLEASE CONTACT US BY CALLING 859-431-8200 DURING OUR LIVE HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM-3:30PM OR VISIT www.lablaw.org/apply-here ANYTIME.