

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI)

GENERAL WEBSITE, INCLUDING UPDATES ON COVID-RELATED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE INITIATIVES

<https://labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm> Scroll down for Covid-related updates.

ELIGIBILITY TO FILE A CLAIM

By law, the unemployment insurance program provides benefits to people who

- Have worked in NYS within the last 18 months
- Have enough employment to establish a claim
- Have lost employment through no fault of their own
- Are ready, willing and able to work and
- Are actively seeking work

Benefits may be denied for the following reasons:

- The applicant was fired because he/she violated a company policy, rule or procedure, such as absenteeism or insubordination
- The applicant quit his/her job without good cause

The unemployed person should apply immediately after losing their job so as to get all the weeks of Unemployment Insurance for which they are eligible.

To determine what minimum wage and amount of work history is needed for the person to be eligible for Unemployment Insurance, visit <https://labor.ny.gov/stats/uiwages.shtm>
Click on “Unemployment Benefits” on the top left side of the page.

HOW TO APPLY FOR UI

Visit https://labor.ny.gov/ui/how_to_file_claim.shtm

or call 888-209-8124

THE APPLICANT SHOULD APPLY FOR UI EVEN IF UNSURE OF ELIGIBILITY; IF REFUSED, THE REASON WHY WILL BE EXPLAINED.