

APPLYING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT DUE TO COVID-19

This guide will help you navigate the unemployment application process with the Louisiana Workforce Commission as a result of being laid off due to the Coronavirus (COVID -19)

Basic Guidelines:

- If work hours have been reduced, you may receive partial benefits up to \$247/WK
- Maximum number of weeks benefits can be claimed is 26 in a 12 – month period
- Exhausting sick leave and/or annual leave through your employer may be required. Check with your employer BEFORE filing for unemployment benefits
- LWC officials recommend filing a claim online to expedite the process but filing a claim over the phone is possible currently
- 1099 workers are NOT eligible for unemployment benefits

To file a claim, follow the instructions below:

1. Copy and paste this link in your browser

<https://www.louisianaworks.net/hire/vosnet/Default.aspx>

2. Under Reemployment Services, click 'Start or re-open an unemployment claim'

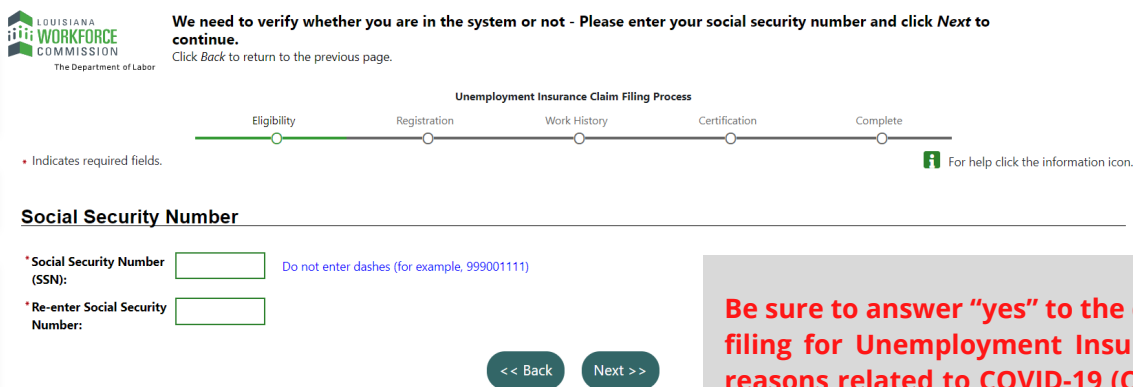


IMPORTANT NOTE: As per the Governor's proclamation, for individuals whose employment has been impacted due to COVID-19:

- Work search requirements are waived
- Week of waiting is waived

3. Gather the necessary information to create an account, scroll to the bottom of the screen, and click '**Next >>**'

4. Provide information you gathered in step 3 and follow the wizard until complete




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We need to verify whether you are in the system or not - Please enter your social security number and click Next to continue.
Click Back to return to the previous page.

Unemployment Insurance Claim Filing Process

Eligibility Registration Work History Certification Complete

• Indicates required fields.  For help click the information icon.

Social Security Number

* Social Security Number (SSN): Do not enter dashes (for example, 999001111)

* Re-enter Social Security Number:

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Be sure to answer "yes" to the question, "Are you filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits for reasons related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?" This will provide needed information to the LWC to help process your claim.