

ELIGIBILITY CHECKER

Do I qualify for regular unemployment benefits?

YES

NO

1. Did you work at least 680 hours in your “base year?”
Your base year is the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters before the week you apply for benefits.
2. Did you work in Washington state sometime in the last 18 months?
3. Are you able to work?
Able to work means you are mentally and physically able to work.
4. Are you available for work?
Available to work means you are able to work without restrictions that would prevent you from accepting work (for example: transportation issues, illness, vacations, or lack of family/childcare).
5. Were you laid off?
[Find out more about being laid off.](#)
6. Did you quit your job?
[Find out more about quitting.](#)
7. Did you experience a lockout due to a labor dispute?
8. Were you discharged from the military in the last 18 months?
[Find out more.](#)
9. None of these statements apply to me. If none apply, select Yes.
 - I was fired and it was my fault.
[Find out more about being at fault.](#)
 - I am on strike from my employer.
 - I am on a leave of absence from my job.
 - I am still working.

If you answered **Yes** to **MOST** of these questions: You will likely qualify for regular unemployment benefits. Apply for benefits as soon as possible and we will review your application and decide if you qualify. **To avoid mistakes and get paid faster, please be sure to download the application checklist and read the information at esd.wa.gov/unemployment before applying.**

If you answered **No** to most of these questions: You might not qualify for regular benefits but could qualify for expanded benefits under the federal CARES Act during the COVID-19 pandemic. Complete the checklist on the next page to see if you could be eligible.

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Do I qualify for expanded unemployment benefits related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

YES

NO

1. Are you out of work or working less than normal because of COVID-19?
2. Were you recently denied for unemployment because you hadn't worked 680 hours?
3. Did you work, but worked fewer than 680 hours in Washington in the past 18 months?
4. Were you diagnosed with COVID-19, severely ill and unable to work?
5. Are you showing symptoms of COVID-19 and are either waiting for results of a test or seeking medical attention?
6. Are you at high risk and a medical provider has told you to stay home?
7. If you are a high risk, are you staying home based on medical advice about the dangers related to your risk?
8. Are you caring for a family member or dependent who has COVID-19?
9. Do you have a family member or dependent who is showing symptoms of COVID-19 and is seeking medical attention?
10. Do you have a family member or dependent who is high risk, lives with you and is staying home for their protection?
11. Are you caring for a high-risk person who has been advised to stay home for their protection?
12. Has your child's school been closed and you are unable to find child care?
13. Is your workplace closed because of an official order or a case of COVID-19, and you are unable to work from home?
14. Are you self-employed?
15. None of these statements apply to me. *If none apply, select Yes.*
 - I quit my job for reasons unrelated to COVID-19.
 - I quit my job just to collect unemployment benefits.
 - I am currently receiving vacation leave, sick leave or paid time off.
 - I can work from home but am choosing not to.
 - I am an essential worker, not high risk and [my workplace has met requirements for my safety](#), but I'm too afraid to work.

If you answered **Yes** to ANY of questions 1-14, and **YES** to question 15, you are likely eligible for unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you answered **No** to all of these questions, you might not be eligible. If you think you are eligible under the expanded benefits, please wait to apply and sign up for *action alerts* on our [COVID-19 page](#). We will notify you with details about expanded benefits, how to get ready to apply and when to apply.