

Colorado Unemployment Insurance Benefits



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AGENDA

- Unemployment Insurance (UI) Basic Facts
- UI Eligibility/Who Can Apply?
- Understanding the Claim Process
- Unemployment and Reemployment Resources

Unemployment Insurance Basic Facts



- Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits can last up to 26 weeks
- Benefits will not replace your total income but are intended to help bridge the financial gap while you search for a new job.
- Employers may not prohibit a worker from filing
- Benefits are generally paid within 4 to 6 weeks



What are Unemployment Insurance Benefits?

- Partial, temporary financial assistance to bridge the gap while unemployed
- Your employer paid into a fund from which you can collect benefits if you are eligible.

Who is Eligible?

- Job loss through no fault of your own
- Able, Available and Actively seeking work
- Must have earned at least \$2,500 in combined gross wages from all employers in the past 18 months
- Benefits are determined by an individual's wage history



How to Apply

- [File Your Claim](#) in MyUI+
 - Verify your identity with ID.me
 - Report wages and any separation pay
 - Describe the circumstances of your separation
- Respond ASAP to any follow-up questionnaires
- Meet all eligibility requirements
- Decision made within 4 - 6 weeks (fact-finding)
- Request payment and maintain eligibility every week.



Manage your Claim in MyUI+

- Weekly certifications/payment requests
- Respond to fact-finding questionnaires we may send
- Check your claim status
- Update account information
- Reopen your claim
- Access your 1099-G
- Upload documents
- View claim decisions and other correspondence

Maintain Eligibility to Receive Benefits

- Register with [ConnectingColorado.com](https://www.ConnectingColorado.com) within seven days of filing your claim
- Certify/request payment every week
- Actively search for work every week
- Be able and available to work
- Report any earnings you have during the week (you can earn up to 50% of your benefit payment without it impacting your UI benefits)



How Does Severance Impact my Benefits?

- Recommend filing after first day even with severance
- Severance pay may or may not impact your benefit payment depending on various individual circumstances.
- If it does have an impact, you may experience a postponement of benefits.
- Vacation pay and PTO generally does not impact, but report all pay in system

Common Mistakes To Avoid

There are three common mistakes that people make that delay their unemployment benefit payments.

- They do not verify their identity as instructed
- They do not request payment within the required timeframe, and
- They do not register for work in Connecting Colorado.

Avoiding these common mistakes may prevent delays in processing your claim.

It is also important that you and your employer respond to requests for information in a timely manner to prevent delays.

Unemployment Resources

- <https://cdle.colorado.gov/unemployment>
 - ❖ UI Claimant Guide and UI Quick Guide
- [How to Maintain Eligibility Page](#)
- [Contact Unemployment](#)

Denver Metro: 303-318-9000 | Toll-Free: 1-800-388-5515

Spanish: 303-318-9333 | Spanish Toll-Free: 1-866-422-0402



Reemployment Support

Explore CDLE's Workforce Development Resources

Help After Job Loss Site

- Register for Virtual, Live Monthly Rapid Response Workshops
- Layoff to Employment Action Planner Self Assessment Booklet
- Retirement and Healthcare Options

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