

## Unemployment

Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits are available to workers that become unemployed or have their hours reduced through no fault of their own. UI benefits provide partial income replacement. Eligible individuals should file a UI claim with the California Employment Development Department.

### INDIVIDUALS MUST BE:

- Totally or partially unemployed
- Available and physically able to work
- Actively looking for work; and
- Ready and willing to accept work immediately.

### WEEKLY UI BENEFITS:

- California provides 26 weeks of UI assistance in a 52 week period.
- Average weekly benefit amounts in California range from \$40 to \$450.
- Recipients are required to certify for benefits every week.

## COVID-19 Expanded UI

### PANDEMIC UI BENEFITS:

- Waives the one week waiting period making individuals immediately eligible to receive benefits after approval of their claim.
- Provides an additional 13 weeks of emergency UI benefit assistance through December 31, 2020.
- Individuals will receive an extra \$600 a week for 4 months in addition to their regular UI weekly benefit.
- Provides emergency and expanded benefits for individual contractors, self-employed individuals, business owners and individuals with limited work history.
- Waives the requirement that individuals must actively look for work to be eligible for benefits.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- UI claims can be filed online at [https://www.edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/UI\\_Online.htm](https://www.edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/UI_Online.htm)
- California EDD COVID-19 Website: [https://www.edd.ca.gov/about\\_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm](https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm)