

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. Were you discharged from the military in the last 18 months? Find out more.		
8. None of these statements apply to me. If none apply, select Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 the COVID-19 public health emergency?
2. Did you work, but worked fewer than 680 hours in Washington in the past 18 months and were separated from your employment because of the COVID-19 public health emergency?
3. Is your place of employment closed or operating at reduced capacity as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency?
4. Are you an independent contractor or self-employed and has the COVID-19 public health emergency severely limited your ability to do your regular work activities?
5. Is COVID-19 preventing you from being able to work from home or anywhere else because you are the main caregiver for a child or household member who:
 - Requires constant and ongoing care, and
 - Cannot attend school, daycare or another facility because it is closed or has no openings due to social distancing rules as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
6. Are you unable to get to your place of employment because of a quarantine imposed by a state or municipal order restricting travel as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency?
7. Were you scheduled to start a job in Washington state but no longer have the job or are you unable to reach the job because of the COVID-19 public health emergency?
8. Did you have to quit your job as a direct result of COVID-19?
9. Were you diagnosed with COVID-19?
10. Do you have symptoms of COVID-19 and are seeking a medical diagnosis?
11. Has someone in your household been diagnosed with COVID-19?
12. Are you providing constant and ongoing care for a family member or household member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?
13. Did you become the breadwinner or major support for a household because the head of the household died as a direct result of COVID-19?
14. Can you telework (work remotely or from home) for your usual number of hours with pay during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, can you still telework your usual number of hours when you consider how you answered questions 3-13?

If you answered **Yes** to questions 1 or 2, and to one or more questions 3-13, you may be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits. If you think you are eligible, please visit esd.wa.gov to learn more and apply.

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