

Unemployment Benefits

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If you lost your job or cannot work because of COVID-19, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits.



If you were laid-off, had your work hours reduced, or if you must stay home from work to care for your child because of school closures, you may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. Due to the COVID-19 emergency, all workers receiving unemployment benefits will get an extra \$600 per week until July 31, 2020. You can receive benefits for 26 weeks or until you find or can return to work, or your hours are restored.



Due to the COVID-19 emergency, you can get an extra 13 weeks of benefits after regular unemployment benefits are used. 26 weeks + 13 weeks = 39 total weeks of benefits. This program should start soon and will give benefits back to the week of March 29.



If you cannot work or look for work because of COVID-19, you can get State Disability Insurance for as long as you are ill or quarantined and your medical provider says you cannot work.

Benefits will be expanded for people who are not usually eligible for benefits and are unable to continue working as a result of COVID-19. Examples are workers who are self-employed, independent contractors, freelancers, workers seeking part-time work, and workers who do not have a long-enough work history to qualify for regular benefits. This program will start on April 28.

If you apply and are denied, call Legal Services of Northern California or visit our website at www.lsnc.net.



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