

Unemployment Frequently Asked Questions

The following information will assist you if you plan to file for unemployment after being laid off. University Human Resources Benefits Specialists are also available to assist you with questions about unemployment claims and continuation of benefits. Call 732-932-3020, ext. 4077 or email benefits@hr.rutgers.edu.

Q. Who should file an unemployment claim?

A. Laid off salaried faculty/staff (type 1), hourly casual (type 4), part-time lecturers (type 7), and coadjutant (type 8) employees who become unemployed.

Q. What employee types are not eligible?

A. Student hourly (type 5), TAs/GAs (type 6), and post docs (type 9).

Q. I don't live in New Jersey. Should I file in my home state?

A. No. You should file in New Jersey, the state in which you work.

Q. What is the maximum benefit?

A. 60 percent of "average weekly earnings" up to \$584 per week for 2009, payable up to 26 weeks. Eligible employees will receive an additional \$25 per week stimulus payment under the Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) Program (see <http://uhr.rutgers.edu/faqs/FAQUnemp.htm> for details).

Q. Are benefits taxable?

A. Yes, they are subject to federal income taxes.

Q. When should I file a claim?

A. You should file as soon as possible after you become unemployed. Your claim will be dated the Sunday of the week in which you file.

Q. How do I file a claim?

A. Contact a Telephone Reemployment Call Center:
Northern NJ: 201-601-4100; Central NJ: 732-761-2020; Southern NJ: 856-507-2340
or file online at <http://www.njuifile.net>.

Q. How long does it take to get my first check?

A. Generally, if you are entitled to a benefit check, it will be mailed out the next business day after you file your benefits claim through the telephone call center or the Internet.

Q. What else must I do to continue benefits?

A. Your unemployment check will include instructions for claiming weekly benefits. You may be requested to meet with a claims officer or attend a reemployment orientation.

Q. What if my claim is denied?

A. You will have 7 calendar days to submit a written appeal.

For additional layoff information, see <http://uhr.rutgers.edu/lr/LayoffInformationforEmployees.htm>.

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