

MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, <http://www.mass.gov/lwd/unemployment-insur/>

For unemployment in MA, it appears that individuals should file their initial claim during the first week of total or partial unemployment. If eligible for unemployment benefits, they can expect to receive their first payment in 3-4 weeks if there are no issues with the claim. The first week of their claim for which they are eligible to collect benefits is their "waiting period". Massachusetts law requires this waiting period and they will not be paid benefits for that week. Individuals serve only one waiting period during their benefit year. In general, it takes approximately 3 weeks to process a claim; however, they will still need to claim benefits every week. Once a determination is made, and if they are eligible, they will get retroactive checks for the weeks that they previously claimed.

The unemployment website does state that a claim can be filed and a person will typically be eligible if their working hours are reduced. Individuals can receive a full benefit for weeks when there is no work or a partial benefit for weeks when there is less than the normal full-time schedule.

Generally, they must experience a reduction of at least 1/3 of their hours/earnings in order to receive even a minimal benefit but a reduction of that much or more will usually qualify for receipt of some benefit. The greater the reduction the higher the payable benefit. Their actual eligibility cannot be determined until they file a claim.

This website contains answers to FAQ regarding MA unemployment, <http://www.mass.gov/lwd/unemployment-insur/resources/questions-and-answers/claimants/>

RHODE ISLAND UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, <http://www.dlt.ri.gov/ui/>

For unemployment in RI, an individual should file a claim within 7 days of their last day of employment. An individual must serve a waiting period at the start of their new claim. The 7 day period is a Sunday through Saturday in which they are: totally unemployed or they work a partial week and their earnings are less than their Benefit Rate. In either case they would be entitled to a waiting period for that week. The information for RI is less explicit about partial unemployment entitlements but since it does speak of it, I would recommend that a claim be filed anyway for those wanting to do so.

This website contains FAQ regarding RI unemployment, <http://www.dlt.state.ri.us/ui/UIfaq.htm>

MAINE UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, <http://www.maine.gov/labor/unemployment/index.html>

For unemployment in ME, an individual should file a claim within 7 days of their last day of employment. If eligible for unemployment benefits, the first valid week is Waiting Period week and no check is payable for that week. It will take approximately 2-3 weeks from the date the claim was filed to receive the unemployment check. They will receive credit for the waiting period week. Weekly claims are filed on a calendar-week basis, Sunday through Saturday. Weekly claim forms must be filed within 14 days of the date that the claim form is issued to you.

This website contains FAQ regarding ME unemployment, <http://www.maine.gov/labor/unemployment/faqs.html>

NEW JERSEY UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/ui/ui_index.html

For unemployment in NJ, an individual should file a claim within 7 days of their last day of employment. The claim will be backdated no further than the Sunday of the week they filed the claim. The information for NJ is very vague about waiting periods and when they will receive their first check

This website contains FAQ regarding NJ unemployment,
<http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/ui/content/faq.html>

NEW HAMPSHIRE UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, <http://www.nhes.nh.gov/>

For unemployment in NH, an individual should file a claim within 3 business days of your last day of work. Claims can take up to four weeks from the first week claimed to determine eligibility and generate payment. Individuals can expect to be contacted and/or receive a Determination of Eligibility within 30 days. Individuals will still have to file for weekly benefits for those weeks that their hours are cut.

This website contains FAQ regarding NH unemployment,
<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/faq/claimant.htm>

NEW YORK UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, http://www.labor.state.ny.us/ui/ui_index.shtm

For unemployment in NY, an individual should file a claim within their first week of total or partial unemployment. However, they may not file for a week when they work four or more days or earn more than \$405 gross pay between Monday and Sunday. They must wait until the next Monday to file, if still unemployed or hours cut.

This website contains FAQ regarding NY unemployment,
<http://labor.ny.gov/ui/claimantinfo/beforeyouapplyfaq.shtm#0>

VIRGINIA UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, <http://www.vec.virginia.gov/unemployed>

For unemployment in VA, an individual should file a claim within 7 days of their last day of employment. For partial claimants, you must work all available hours that your employer allows. The first week that the individual meets all eligibility requirements is the waiting period and they are not paid benefits for that week.

This website contains FAQ regarding VA unemployment,
<http://www.vec.virginia.gov/faqs/general-unemployment-insurance-questions>

NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, <https://www.ncesc1.com/individual/UI/uimain.asp>

For unemployment in NC, an individual should file a claim within 7 days of the week-ending date of the payroll week in which the employees worked less than full-time because full-time work was not available. For partial unemployment, the individual is eligible when they work less than 3 customarily scheduled workdays during a payroll week. The first week they file and are otherwise eligible is the waiting period week. They will not receive payment for the waiting period week.

This website contains FAQ regarding NC unemployment,
<http://www.ncesc1.com/individual/faqs/faqMain.asp#application>

MARYLAND UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/unemployment.shtml>

For unemployment in MD, an individual should file their claim as soon as possible, as their eligibility begins the week in which they file their claim. Their claim becomes effective the Sunday of the week during which you apply for benefits. Once they have filed their initial claim, you continue to claim once every two weeks, which covers a two-week period.

If their claim has been approved, the individual will receive a notice entitled "Notice of First Benefit Payment Approval and Mailing of your Prepare Citibank Debit Card". Once they receive the debit card, their first payment is immediately available.

This website contains FAQ regarding MD unemployment,
<http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/claimfaq.shtml>

FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, <http://www.floridajobs.org/job-seekers-community-services>

For unemployment in FL, an individual should file their claim as soon as possible, as new claims are established to begin the Sunday that begins the week in which you file your claim. The first week of their claim is an unpaid waiting period. The information for FL does not touch upon partial unemployment, but recommend filing a claim for those individuals that want to.

This website contains FAQ regarding FL unemployment,
<http://www.floridajobs.org/frequently-asked-questions-directory>

PENNSYLVANIA UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION,
<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=552175&mode=2>

For unemployment in PA, an individual who's hours have been cut at work due to a furlough or laid off intermittently are eligible for partial benefits. They may work part-time and earn up to 30% of their weekly benefit rate in each claim week before their earnings affect their weekly benefit payment. Any amount they earn over the partial benefit credit earned in a week will be deducted from their weekly benefit rate dollar-for-dollar. Earnings are to be reported in the week earned, not in the week in which they were paid. All earnings must be reported, even if they are less than the partial benefit credit.

This website contains FAQ regarding PA unemployment,
http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/frequently_asked_questions/19971

GEORGIA UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, <http://www.dol.state.ga.us/>

For unemployment in GA, file a new regular UI claim after a break has occurred in your weekly requests for payments.

- You must be totally separated from your job; or
- You still have a job, however, your employer has reduced your hours of work; or
- You have lost your regular full-time job, but are still working a part-time or temporary job where you earn less than your weekly benefit amount; or

- You are working part-time or reduced hours while receiving UI and a total separation has happened.

This website contains FAQ regarding GA unemployment
http://www.dol.state.ga.us/js/faq_js.htm