

VIRGINIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS OVERVIEW

The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) administers the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program for Virginia that provides temporary financial assistance to individuals who become unemployed through no fault of their own.

The Virginia state UI law requires that:

- You must be unemployed, able to work, and available for suitable work. (You may be eligible if you are employed less than full time);
- You must register for work and file a claim at a local public employment service/UI claim office;
- You must continue to report to the office as directed; and
- You must have had a certain amount of employment/wages within a base period of 1 year.

When a Federal employee is placed in a nonpay status, he or she may be entitled to UI benefits. Eligibility for UI cannot be determined until after the employee has filed. Employees filing for UI benefits must provide the following information to their State Unemployment Office:

- Identification Card;
- Social Security Card; and
- Earnings and Leave Statement.

However, to expedite your claim employees may provide the following additional information to their State Unemployment Office:

- Standard Form 8;
- Official notice of recent nonpay status (Standard Form 50, if available); or
- Similar documents that indicate employment in Federal agency.

The Unemployment Insurance Handbook for Claimants explains these requirements and will assist you in filing for benefits. For additional information on the requirements for obtaining UI benefits under the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act, please review the Unemployment Insurance Handbook for Claimants at <http://www.vec.virginia.gov/vecportal/unins/pdf/claimanthandbook.pdf>.

If you are totally or partially unemployed and wish to apply for benefits, call the VEC call center or complete an on-line application on the Internet.

Contacting the VEC:

For a complete listing of VEC Workforce Center addresses, phone numbers,
and hours of operation, visit the VEC web site at:

http://www.vec.virginia.gov/vecportal/field/field_offices.cfm

VEC Call Center:

1-866-832-2363

Internet Address:

www.VaEmploy.com