

WEST VIRGINIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS OVERVIEW

The Unemployment Compensation Division administers the Unemployment Insurance Program for West Virginia that provides benefits to eligible persons who are temporarily unemployed through no fault of their own, and who would be employed full-time if suitable jobs were available.

The West 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 Compensation for West Virginians” handbook explains these requirements and will assist you in filing for benefits. For additional information on the requirements for obtaining UI under West Virginia, please review the “Unemployment Compensation for West Virginians” handbook at http://www.wvcommerce.org/App_Media/assets/doc/businessandworkforce/workforcewv/UCforWV.pdf

If you are totally or partially unemployed and wish to apply for benefits, you should report to the claims office that services your area as soon as possible.

Contacting the West Virginia’s UC Claim Office:

For a complete listing of UC claim office addresses, phone numbers,
and hours of operation, visit the UC claim office web site at:

http://www.wvcommerce.org/business/workforcewv/unemployment_compensation/locations/default.aspx