Montana: Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Description of Program and Relief

Unemployed workers affected by COVID-19 may be eligible for benefits under already-existing Montana unemployment insurance, which provides temporary income for workers who are unemployed. Emergency rules that went into effect on March 17, 2020 provide that claimants who miss work as a result of COVID-19 are eligible for benefits, as are claimants who need to quarantine or take care of a family member due to COVID-19. The emergency rules also permit waiver of the one-week waiting period typically required before receiving benefits.

Government or Lead Agency

Montana Department of Labor & Industry

Dates Available

Effective March 17, 2020

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

General eligibility requirements can be found [here](#) and the emergency rule requirements can be found [here](#). Basic eligibility requirements include having earned at least a minimum amount in wages before being unemployed; being fully or partially unemployed, through no fault of your own; being able and available to work; and actively seeking employment.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A

Contact for More Information

To contact the Unemployment Insurance Division, call (406) 444-2545 weekdays between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

List of Additional Information

For additional information or to apply, please visit:

[https://montanaworks.gov/](https://montanaworks.gov/)
http://uid.dli.mt.gov/