

Tennessee: Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Description of Program and Relief

Unemployed workers affected by COVID-19 may be eligible for benefits under already-existing Tennessee unemployment insurance, which provides temporary income for workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own and who are either looking for new jobs or awaiting recall to employment. Individuals who are temporarily away from their jobs because they are quarantined by order of a medical professional or health authority as a result of contracting COVID-19, may also qualify if all other eligibility requirements are met and they intend to return to their job.

Government or Lead Agency

Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Dates Available

Effective immediately.

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

Eligibility requirements can be found by clicking [here](#). Basic eligibility requirements include being fully or partially unemployed, through no fault of the applicant; be physically able and available to work full-time; have qualifying base period wages and be actively seeking work by making reasonable efforts to find employment each week. In light of COVID-19, the one-week waiting period for collecting unemployment benefits has been suspended. Further, the current requirements that applicants report to an employment office and have the ability and undertake reasonable efforts to secure work to receive unemployment benefits, will be suspended in light of COVID-19 upon approval by the federal government.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A

Contact for More Information

Please call 1-877-813-0950 or submit a request for assistance by clicking [here](#).

List of Additional Information

For additional information or to apply, please click [here](#).

For COVID-19 specific information, please click [here](#).