

FACT SHEET

Information for Furloughed Federal Employees in Nebraska

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Am I eligible for unemployment benefits?

In Nebraska you may apply for benefits on or after the first day you are furloughed. Furloughed employees should be eligible as long as all other eligibility requirements are met (see the Guide to Unemployment Insurance at dol.nebraska.gov).

Furloughed Federal employees are exempt from weekly work search requirements.

NOTICE: Repayment of UI Benefits if retroactive payment is made to Federal employees for time during the shutdown period

Employees who receive Unemployment Insurance benefits and also later receive a retroactive payment from their employer for the same time period will be required to repay the Department for UI benefits received.

If you need assistance, email NDOL.UnemploymentHelp@nebraska.gov or call the Nebraska Claims Center at 402-458-2500 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., CST Monday-Friday.

How do I file an unemployment claim?

Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims are processed by the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) via **NEworks**:

- **ONLINE:** File your new (initial) Unemployment Insurance (UI) claim online by going to NEworks.nebraska.gov. Computers are available at your local NDOL Job Centers and local libraries. Job Center locations are listed at dol.nebraska.gov/ContactUs.

All individuals applying for and receiving unemployment benefits are required to log into NEworks.nebraska.gov.

How soon will benefits be paid, and what about weekly certifications?

After you have applied for benefits, file a weekly certification in NEworks.nebraska.gov for each week you wish to claim benefits. Begin filing weekly certifications while your claim is still processing. You have from Sunday to Saturday to file your claim for the previous week. If you don't file your claim on time, your benefit payments may be affected.

PLEASE NOTE: The first eligible week of any new claim is a "waiting week." You will not receive benefits for this week and it is not included in your weeks of payment. For eligible individuals, NDOL issues most benefit payments within 14-21 days after a claim is filed. Nebraska will pay a maximum of 26 weeks of regular benefits.

Information Needed to File Your Claim:

See the Guide to Unemployment Insurance at dol.nebraska.gov for a more complete list

- Social Security Number (SSN)
- Mailing address and phone number(s) of employer(s) you worked for in last 18 months
- The starting and ending dates of your last job (or jobs if more than one employer in last 18 months)
- If a non-citizen: Documentation issued by US Citizenship and Immigration Services
- If you worked during the week you are filing your claim, be sure you know the gross amount (total dollars and cents before any deductions) of your pay before filing
- Furloughed Federal Employees must provide their recent Standard Form (SF)-50, an SF-8 (if issued), their most recent federal W-2 form, and recent federal earning and leave statements. Failure to provide documentation could delay the processing of your claim and impact your eligibility.