

Ohio: Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Description of Program and Relief

Unemployed workers affected by COVID-19 may be eligible for benefits under already-existing Ohio 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. An executive order issued by Governor DeWine expanded flexibility for Ohioans to receive unemployment benefits during Ohio's emergency declaration period and those who miss work as a result of COVID-19 are eligible.

Government or Lead Agency

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Dates Available

Effective immediately

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/JFS55213/pdf/>. Basic eligibility requirements include being “totally” or “partially” unemployed, through no fault of one’s own; having worked enough weeks and earned enough money in “covered” employment during the “base period” of your claim; and if one had a prior benefit account, reestablishing oneself as a worker by performing enough work since the prior account began.

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Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A

Contact for More Information

Visit ODJFS Coronavirus and Unemployment Insurance Benefits page at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm>.

List of Additional Information

For additional information, please see Worker's Guide to Unemployment Insurance:

<http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/JFS55213>