
Unemployment Compensation

The unemployment program provides a weekly income while you search for work. The amount of compensation and other employment services will vary from state to state.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You can claim benefits from the state employment services office nearest your home if you are separated because of a RIF action and you do not have a job.
- The state employment services office will determine if you are entitled to payment benefits. Generally, you must be actively seeking employment and be available for work.

REGISTRATION

Contact the state employment services office nearest your home.

DISCUSSION

- If you are separated and do not have a job, you should file a claim for benefits as soon as possible. Some states require a waiting period before benefits begin.
- Although benefits for federal employees are federally funded, state employment agencies administer the program. Unemployment compensation laws and policies differ from state to state and are subject to frequent change because of state court decisions and legislative actions.

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- The amount of money you will be awarded will be up to the individual state. Work income and severance payments normally affect your eligibility for unemployment benefits.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What documents must I take to the state employment office?

You should take your social security card, the Standard Form 50 (which separates you by reduction in force) and the Standard Form 8, *Notice to Federal Employees About Unemployment Compensation*, which you will receive on your last day of duty.

