



APPLYING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) impact, many individuals are struggling with loss or release of employment through temporary lay-offs, reduced work hours, or business closings due to a Stay in Place throughout Massachusetts. Even if you work part-time or full-time at a new place of employment or work multiple jobs with long time employers, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits.

To check your unemployment eligibility please complete a free claim 'application' for unemployment benefits completely online. To assist with your claim, the Department of Unemployment (DUA) has waived the 1 week waiting period to authorize the payment of benefits in a timely manner.

- Go to the [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) website (computer is recommended)
- Select Apply for unemployment benefits
- Review what you need in order to apply online
<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-unemployment-benefits>
- Start the application by selecting Apply for unemployment benefits online

After completing your application, please remember to check your DUA account inbox daily to see if you are approved and what steps you have to complete immediately and weekly to continue to receive the benefits. Weekly requirements regarding unemployment during the COVID-19 impact have changed and can be reviewed here:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-unemployment-information> .

If you have any questions or need help filing a claim for unemployment, please reach out to Stephanie King at sking@themapacademy.org or 508-830-9500.