

Common questions answered by CT Department of Labor

- FAQ due to covid 19: <https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/DOLCOVIDFAQ.pdf>
 - Some can qualify for an additional \$600/week, but CT DOL is still working through how to process these
 - They will continue to update this FAQ as they have more information

Who qualifies for unemployment?

- Any person who is furloughed, laid off, or fired. This includes independent contractors.
 - 1099/independent contractors qualify for unemployment, but the system is not up yet. When the system is up, they will be paid retroactively and, in theory, that money would cover their rent for April.

How to file for unemployment?

- To file unemployment claim visit the CT Department of Labor's website at <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/UI-online/Index.htm>
 - Start with filing a claim for unemployment
 - Must complete weekly claim each week of unemployment

Steps:

- Click first on the message above the large blue button that notes, "For quicker payment of unemployment benefits, please follow these instructions." The link will bring claimants to a guide that should be read before filing for benefits.
- For residents who have *already filed* a claim, the CT Department of Labor reminds residents that it is very important they check their email (including junk and spam folder) daily for updated messages from the Department. The agency hopes to be able to provide the federal benefits, including the weekly \$600 in additional payments and benefits to self-employed individuals and independent contractors, in the next several weeks. Federal benefits will be retroactive to the date they were signed into law. [Please note that folks must say "yes" to the question of being available for work, as the DOL commissioner has waived the requirement during this emergency so the application will proceed, and a "no" would immediately disqualify.] Updates on the status of these programs will also be posted to the agency's website, www.ctdol.state.ct.us.

Pasos:

- Haga clic primero en el mensaje sobre el botón azul grande que dice: "Para un pago más rápido de los beneficios de desempleo, siga estas instrucciones". El enlace llevará a los reclamantes a una guía que debe leerse antes de solicitar beneficios.
- Para los residentes que *ya presentaron* una solicitud, el Departamento de Trabajo de CT les recuerda a los residentes que es muy importante que revisen su correo



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electrónico (incluidas las carpetas de correo basura y spam) diariamente para ver si hay mensajes actualizados del Departamento. La agencia espera poder proporcionar los beneficios federales, incluidos los \$ 600 semanales en pagos adicionales y beneficios a personas independientes y contratistas independientes, en las próximas semanas. Los beneficios federales serán retroactivos a la fecha en que se firmaron. [Por favor, tengan en cuenta que la gente debe de decir "sí" a la pregunta de estar disponible para trabajar, ya que el comisionado del DOL ha renunciado al requisito durante esta emergencia para que la solicitud continúe, y un "no" descalificaría de inmediato.] Las actualizaciones sobre el estado de estos programas también se publicarán en el sitio web de la agencia, www.ctdol.state.ct.us .