



CONGRESSMAN
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the CARES Act, legislation that temporarily expands unemployment insurance to mitigate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

How do I apply for Unemployment Insurance?

Unemployment Insurance is administered at the state-level by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Illinois residents should apply at <https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/default.aspx>. In order to process the extremely high volume of unemployment benefit claims due to COVID-19, IDES has implemented a filing schedule based on last name. For more information on the filing schedule and unemployment in Illinois, please visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/default.aspx>

How long are you eligible to receive these benefits?

Illinois provides 26 weeks of unemployment benefits. This package would provide an additional 13 weeks of unemployment compensation for those who need it.

How does the CARES Act affect unemployment benefits?

Individuals who qualify for unemployment insurance (UI), will receive an additional \$600 per week once the CARES Act is implemented. This provision will be in effect through July 31, 2020.

Do self-employed individuals or 1099 contract workers qualify under the expansion?

Typically, self-employed workers do not qualify for unemployment benefits. However, this legislation permits states to expand unemployment benefits in cases where unemployment is connected to COVID-19. This includes self-employed workers, independent contractors, “gig-economy” workers, and anyone prevented from starting a new job because of this crisis. Illinois is now working to implement this broader eligibility.

How does this apply to non-profit organizations?

Ordinarily, non-profits are required to cover 100% of unemployment taxes through “reimbursable arrangements” with the state. During this national emergency, the federal government will be providing a 50% match of these expenses for non-profits. Additionally, these employees are eligible to receive the supplemental \$600/week.

If you have additional questions or need assistance with a federal issue, please call Congressman Schneider's office at 847-383-4870 or visit <https://Schneider.house.gov>