COVID-19
UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY

Have you earned at least $1,600 during your base period* and $440 outside of your highest paid quarter?

*Your base period is defined as the four earliest (oldest) of the last five complete quarters of the calendar year.

Have you become unemployed through no fault of your own, such as being laid off or let go because of COVID-19?

Are you self-employed, an independent contractor, freelance worker, or seeking part-time work and are partially or fully employed?

Were you temporarily laid off due to COVID-19 because you are:
- Confined to your home due to a COVID-19 diagnosis?
- You need to care for a spouse, parent, or child who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- You have had to leave work due to a child’s school closure?

You should be eligible for unemployment benefits. You can apply at: https://www2.illinois.gov/ides

Are you partially or fully unemployed OR unable and unavailable because of a COVID-19 diagnosis (your own, a household member, or someone you care for), your place of employment closed because of COVID-19, or you are scheduled but unable to start new employment due to COVID-19?

Are you a non-U.S. citizen?
If you are a lawful permanent resident, refugee, individual granted asylum, or were “paroled” into the U.S., you have eligible status for benefits. You are likely eligible if 1) You had work authorization when you were employed; 2) have work authorization at the time you apply for unemployment benefits; and 3) You are “permanently residing under the color of law” in the United States.

You may not be eligible for unemployment benefits, but the federal government passed a new law to provide some benefits to individuals not generally eligible for state unemployment benefits. If you think you might be eligible, you can still apply.

For further assistance, call our unemployment line at 800-445-9025
You can also apply for help online at illinoislegalaid.org