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TITOU HOSPITALITY EMPLOYEE RESOURCES

At this time, employees who have been terminated can apply for unemployment through the State of Florida Department for Economic Opportunity. If you want to receive unemployment benefits, it is imperative that you apply right away. Applications take about an hour to fill out.

Before you start your application, see the below checklist of information you will need to complete your application.

To Apply for Unemployment in the State of Florida, click below:

<https://connect.myflorida.com/Claimant/Core/Login.ASPX>

Information you will need to supply in order to apply for reemployment assistance benefits:

- Your Social Security Number
- Secondary Identification may be any one of the following:
 1. Driver's license issued by a state, possession of the United States, or a Canadian government authority, provided it contains a photograph or identifying information such as name, date of birth, sex, height, and address;
 2. Documentation issued by a federal, state, or local government agency that contains a photograph or identifying information such as name, date of birth, sex, height, and address;
 3. School identification (ID) card with photograph;
 4. United States (U.S.) military ID card, dependent's ID card, or U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card;
 5. Native American tribal document;
 6. U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired); or
 7. Certificate of U.S. Citizenship or Certificate of Naturalization
- If you are not a citizen of the United States, your alien registration number

- Your residential address
- Your mailing address
- Your telephone number
- Your birth date
- Your employment history (most recent 18 months) which includes:
 - The names of all your employers
 - Employer addresses
 - Employer phone numbers
 - Reasons for separation from your employers
 - Employment start and end dates
 - Recall dates
 - If you were in the military? you will need information from your DD-214. Member 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 may be used (not mandatory to apply)
 - If you were a federal employee?, you will need information from your SF 8 or SF 50 (not mandatory to apply)
- Your union name and local number (if you are a member of a union)
- Your e-mail address if you want electronic communication (optional).
- If you want to use direct deposit, you will need your bank account number ? and bank routing number ?

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Reemployment Assistance COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions



If your employment has been negatively impacted as a result of the mitigation efforts in Florida to stop the spread of COVID-19, you may be eligible to receive Reemployment Assistance.

Individuals who may be eligible for Reemployment Assistance may include:

- Those who are quarantined by a medical professional or a government agency,
- Those who are laid off or sent home without pay for an extended period by their employer due to COVID-19 concerns, or
- Those who are caring for an immediate family member who is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Individuals whose employment has been impacted, but are still receiving wages through paid leave are not eligible to receive Reemployment Assistance.

What is Reemployment Assistance?

Reemployment Assistance provides temporary wage replacement (unemployment insurance) benefits to eligible individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own.

Am I eligible for Reemployment Assistance?

If you have a history of wages in the state of Florida, you are actively able and available to seek and accept new employment, and you are currently unemployed or work reduced hours through no fault of your own, you may be eligible to receive Reemployment Assistance benefits.

How do I file a Reemployment Assistance claim?

Reemployment Assistance claims are handled by the CONNECT system. You can file your claim by accessing CONNECT through www.floridajobs.org in the Reemployment Assistance Service Center in the right hand corner of the page.

People who need assistance filing a claim online because of legal reasons, computer illiteracy, language barriers, or disabilities may call 1-800-681-8102.

What will I need to complete a application?

You will need the following information to complete an application:

- Social Security Number
- Driver's License or State ID
- Your last 18 months of employment (including name, separation reason, earnings, and dates of work)

- Work authorization (if not a US citizen)
- DD-214 member 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 (if a military employee)
- SF 8 or SF 50 (if a federal employee)

What happens after I file a claim?

Your claim has two levels of review after you complete an application:

- Your history of wages are reviewed to determine if you have earned enough to qualify for benefits
- Any issues (such as job separation) found during your application are reviewed to determine eligibility

You must login to the CONNECT system every two weeks to request benefit payment.

Your first date to return to CONNECT is provided at the end of your application. You must request benefits even while your claim is being reviewed. During your request, you will need to report your **job searches, work** and **any earnings**.

How do I receive payments after filing a claim and requesting benefits?

If you are determined eligible after all reviews are complete, payments will be distributed by direct deposit or through the Way2Go debit card based on your initial application. Debit cards are mailed after the first payment is processed and may take

7-10 business days to receive by mail. Payments take 1-2 business to arrive after being processed.

Employee Health Benefits

For those employees who are enrolled in health benefits with Florida Blue you will be eligible to apply for COBRA which will ensure your same coverage during the termination period.

Florida Blue will notify you directly of the next steps for you to apply for COBRA.

See below for Frequently Asked Questions About COBRA Insurance.

<https://www.floridablue.com/members/tools-resources/cobra-faqs>

Additional Links and Resources for Assistance

Coronavirus Emergency Financial Assistance & Helpful Information for Bar & Restaurants

https://craftable.com/coronavirus-emergency-financial-assistance/?fbclid=IwAR0331vQ9AGkElPRVrVMpgipT0RrGIB6IXD5WdUD_jgkOdivTZAcFycJyeE

Another Round Another Rally <https://anotherroundanotherally.org/>

C.O.R.E <https://coregives.org/>

Dining Bond Initiative <https://supportrestaurants.org/>

Lift Your Spirits Program (Nat'l Rest. Assoc) <https://www.liftyourspirits.org/>

One Fair Wage Emergency Fund <https://ofwemergencyfund.org/help>

Restaurant Workers Community Foundation

<https://www.restaurantworkerscf.org/news/2020/3/15/resources-for-restaurants-and-workers-coping-with-the-covid-19-emergency>

Spill the Dish Relief Database <https://www.spillthedish.com/>

USBG Bartender Emergency Assistance Program <https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap>