

NEW EXPANDED UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM **AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY**

As a result of the emergency action taken by Governor Sununu, New Hampshire now has new expanded unemployment benefits available effective immediately to help with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Workers who because of the COVID-19 pandemic either are temporarily out of work or have reduced hours and either are not being compensated by their employer through regular wages or paid time off or have reduced earnings, will now be able to file for unemployment benefits.

WHO CAN FILE:

- If your employer temporarily closes due to the COVID-19 pandemic and you are not able to work from home or utilize paid time off.
- If your employer reduces your hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic and you are not able to work from home or utilize paid time off.
- If you need to self-quarantine or are directed to quarantine at the instruction of a health care provider, employer or government official and are not able to work from home or utilize paid time off.
- If you need to care for a family member that has COVID-19 or is under quarantine and are not able to work from home or utilize paid time off.
- If you need to care for a dependent because of school closures, child care facility closures or closure of other similar types of care programs and are not able to work from home or utilize paid time off.
- If you are self-employed and are temporarily unable to operate your business because of any of the above listed situations.

HOW DO I FILE:

- File for benefits **ONLINE** by going to **WWW.NHES.NH.GOV** and clicking on **FILE A CLAIM FOR BENEFITS**.
- Individuals unable to file online are able to visit the resource center at any of the **12 NH WORKS OFFICES** located throughout the state to file. See REVERSE SIDE contact numbers.
- Questions can be directed to the soon to be available **UNEMPLOYMENT HOTLINE**.

WHEN SHOULD I FILE:

- Individuals need to file **FOR EACH WEEK OF TEMPORARY UNEMPLOYMENT**. All of this can and should be done online rather than going to an office.
- You can do all of this online from your home internet connection or your phone without ever having to go into an office.
- The waiting period for receiving benefits for all of these situations will also be temporarily suspended.
- Businesses will not be charged for these benefit payments but instead these will be charged directly to the unemployment trust fund.

HOW MANY WEEKS CAN I FILE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT:

- Currently, there are 26 weeks of state unemployment insurance benefits available in New Hampshire available while you are unemployed.

CAN I FILE IF I AM SELF-EMPLOYED

- Yes, if you are unable to operate your business as a result of the COVID-19 scenarios discussed above then you are eligible.

HOW ARE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS CALCULATED:

- Individuals need to file an initial claim for benefits and then a continued claim during each week while they are temporarily unemployed.
- The weekly benefit amount is established by state law and is based off the amount that you earned during the four calendar quarters of your base period which in most cases is the first four of the most recently completed five calendar quarters.

BASE PERIOD EARNINGS	WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT
\$2,800	\$32
\$3,100	\$35
\$3,400	\$39
\$3,900	\$45
\$4,200	\$48
\$4,500	\$52
\$4,800	\$55
\$5,100	\$59
\$5,600	\$64
\$6,100	\$69
\$6,600	\$75
\$7,000	\$80
\$7,400	\$83
\$7,800	\$88
\$8,200	\$92
\$8,600	\$96
\$9,000	\$101
\$9,500	\$105
\$10,000	\$110
\$10,500	\$115
\$11,000	\$120
\$11,500	\$126
\$12,500	\$137
\$13,500	\$148
\$14,500	\$159
\$15,500	\$167

\$16,500	\$178
\$17,500	\$188
\$18,500	\$199
\$19,500	\$206
\$20,500	\$217
\$21,500	\$227
\$22,500	\$238
\$23,500	\$249
\$24,500	\$254
\$25,500	\$265
\$26,500	\$275
\$27,500	\$286
\$28,500	\$290
\$29,500	\$301
\$30,500	\$311
\$31,500	\$321
\$32,500	\$331
\$33,500	\$342
\$34,500	\$352
\$35,500	\$362
\$36,500	\$372
\$37,500	\$383
\$38,500	\$394
\$39,500	\$405
\$40,500	\$416
\$41,500	\$427

NHES LOCAL OFFICES

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