

COVID-19 Unemployment for the Self Employed

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Self-Employed Unemployment Benefits Related to COVID-19

Am I eligible?

Type of Worker

- Self-employed workers
- Sole Proprietor
- Single Owner LLC
- Farmers/Fishermen
- Independent contractors
- Gig workers
- Freelancers
- 1099 filers

COVID-19 Reason

- FT or PT worker at businesses temporarily or permanently closed
- Working reduced hours / earning reduced income
- Taking unpaid leave
 - Primary caregiver for children due to school or child care closure
 - Providing care for family member diagnosed
- Diagnosed with COVID-19 or symptoms and seeking diagnosis
- Member of household diagnosed

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What are the benefits?

Now

- \$172 / week retroactive to March 15th or when you became unemployed whichever is later
- + \$600 / week from March 29th – July 25th

After the end of May

- Weekly rate may be adjusted up based on income documents submitted at the end of May; maximum weekly rate = \$445
- Benefits available through December 26th
- If you can prove your business closed earlier than March 15th, may be retroactive (February 2nd is the maximum)
- + \$600 / week from March 29th – July 25th

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How do I apply?

- 1 On Friday, May 1st, create a ReEmployME account:
https://reemploye.maine.gov/accessme/faces/users/registerclaimant.xhtml?resGroup=linkaction&_accessNavOutcome=.registerClaimant&forwardName=registerClaimant
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 - Create a user id and password. Enter your email address. Confirm your email address.
 - Check your email inbox for a message with the subject: Maine DOL Accounts: Email Verification.
 - Follow the steps this message to verify your email address.
- 3 Set up direct deposit into your bank account.
- 4 File your claim. Attest to your income using tax documents. (1040 + Schedules C, F, J, K-1)
- 5 File your claim weekly until you are working again.

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Tips

Friday May 1st Application Times

- Last Names A – H: 8:00 am – 10:00
- Last Names I – Q: 10:00 am – Noon
- Last Names R – Z: Noon – 2:00 pm

If you are locked out of your ReEmployME account: Call / email the CareerCenter

If you applied before and were denied because you are self employed:

- On Friday, access your ReEmployME account
- Refresh your information
- Self attest to your income

Unemployment Resources

- CEI Summary: <https://www.ceimaine.org/covid-19-resources-for-businesses/unemployment/>
- Maine Dept of Labor: <https://www.maine.gov/unemployment/>
- Official eligibility list:
<https://www.maine.gov/unemployment/docs/2020/pua2020/PandemicUnemploymentAssistanceProgramDOL.pdf>
- Maine Dept of Labor FAQ: (2 sets)
<https://www.maine.gov/labor/docs/2020/covid19/covidfaqandui.pdf> (general)
<https://www.maine.gov/unemployment/docs/2020/pua2020/puafaq.pdf> (self-employed)
- Filing Weekly Certification: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULVB8Mhh3Zs>



Questions welcome!

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