



CARES ACT - Unemployment Insurance (UI) Information

The CARES Act provides much-needed support for American workers by making a significant investment to expand access to unemployment benefits. This funding, plus the \$1 billion in administrative funds Congress provided to states in the Families First Coronavirus Response package, will help respond to the surge in unemployment claims and keep workers afloat through this crisis.

Unemployment Insurance Enhancements

- The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program provides payment to those not traditionally eligible for unemployment benefits (self-employed, independent contractors, those with limited work history, and others) who are unable to work as a direct result of the coronavirus public health emergency.
- Includes an additional \$600 per week payment to each recipient of unemployment insurance or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance for up to four months and an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits to those who need it.
- Provides funding to support “short-time compensation” programs, to pay 100% of costs incurred when employers reduce employee hours instead of laying them off.

General Eligibility

- States will follow their regular process to determine eligibility for UI. For individuals without wage data, applicants will need to provide tax records to document prior earnings.
- Employees who have been furloughed are generally eligible for UI payments and it is possible for their employer to continue paying health benefits in this time.

More information about Indiana’s unemployment programs can be found [here](#).

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