Reemployment Assistance (what used to be called Unemployment Insurance) is an important benefit for workers who lose their jobs or have hours cut. However, the application process is complicated, the amount of benefits is based on prior earnings, and the process requires record-keeping and reporting every two weeks. Additionally, with so many people out of work at once, the computer systems may have a hard time handling the work volume. Applicants might find this process frustrating. We provide this information to help people understand the process and consider whether it will be worth their time before they begin.

**FLORIDA YOUTH SHINE AND FLORIDA’S CHILDREN FIRST CANNOT HELP YOU APPLY FOR BENEFITS.**

Obtain information and contact the Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity at:

[www.floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org)

**800-204-2418**

*The direct page for Reemployment Assistance*

*The COVID-19 Reemployment Assistance Frequently Asked Questions*

**AM I ELIGIBLE FOR REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE?**

If you were fired, laid off, had your hours cut by your employer, or sent home without pay due to COVID-19 you might be eligible for Reemployment Assistance.

People affected by COVID-19 may also be eligible if they are:

- Quarantined by a medical professional or government agency, or
- Caring for an immediate family member with COVID-19

Reemployment Assistance is normally only available for people who worked for an employer that paid into the system. However, federal funds may now be available for other workers who would traditionally not qualify. When in doubt, apply!
You must have earned enough money and worked over enough time to be eligible.

- The minimum earning to qualify is $3,400 earned between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019.
- Your earnings must be in at least 2 quarters. Quarters are 3-month periods: Jan-March; April-June; July-Sept.; Oct-Dec. There can be a break between the quarters that you worked.
- If you are still working but your hours were cut you might be eligible for Reemployment Assistance.
- If your employer is paying your full wages (for example sick leave) while you are not working, you are not eligible for Reemployment Assistance for those weeks where you are getting paid.

**HOW MUCH WILL I GET AND HOW WILL I GET IT?**

- If you are eligible for Reemployment Assistance, the amount you get will be based on how much money you earned in the last 18 months. The normal range is $32 to $275 a week, however, additional federal funds for COVID-19 may raise the amount significantly.
- Reemployment Assistance is paid either by direct deposit or a debit card issued by the government.

**DO I HAVE TO DO ANYTHING AFTER I APPLY?**

You will have to report on your actual earnings and job search efforts every two weeks (job search requirements may be waived during the Covid-19 crisis). It is important to keep good records.

Watch the [video on the Florida Jobs website](#) to learn more.