



REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE



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Reemployment Assistance (what used to be called Unemployment Insurance) is the primary way that the federal government is helping people cover their living expenses during the pandemic. **If you were working and are not currently earning money then you definitely should apply for this help.** Applicants might find this process frustrating, **BUT IT IS WORTH THE EFFORT** - if you are eligible, the payment is at least \$600 a week through the summer.

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

800-204-2418

If you have not already started the process on the old website, then you should use the [new online application](#) OR Fill out and mail a paper application. [You can obtain the application on the DOE website by clicking here.](#)

[Click here for the direct page for Reemployment Assistance](#)

[The COVID-19 Reemployment Assistance Frequently Asked Questions click here](#)

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE?*

You are most likely eligible if you lost your income:

- o Because you were fired, laid off, had your hours cut by your employer, or were sent home, without pay; or
- o You are self-employed, an independent contractor or a gig worker and you cannot tele- work and are not getting paid leave.

OR

You are unable to work because:

- o You or someone in your home has COVID-19
- o You were quarantined or advised to self quarantine
- o You have to stay home to care for your child because school or day care is closed
- o You had to quit your job as a direct result of COVID-19

*** THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS DOCUMENT COMBINES FLORIDA'S EXISTING REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AND THE FEDERAL PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE. IT DOES NOT DESCRIBE HOW THINGS WILL WORK AFTER THE PANDEMIC.**



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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government is providing Florida with additional funds to pay people. The state and federal programs have different eligibility requirements and payment plans.

BUT you only have to file one application.

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

- o During the COVID-19 crisis, payments in Florida will range from \$600 to \$875 a week. The amount you will get depends on how much money you earned before the crisis. You can try using this [benefits calculator](#) to see the actual amount.
- o You may get payment for weeks you were out of work before you completed your application.
- o At the very least, you should get paid as of the date your application was submitted.

WHEN WILL I GET IT?

- o Florida's system is very backed up and it could a month or more before you receive your first payment.

HOW WILL I GET IT?

- o 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?

- o You have to report on your actual earnings every two weeks.
- o In the future, you may be required to register with Employ Florida's work registration program and report on your job search efforts.
- o **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT** to follow the instructions sent to you by Connect Florida, the Department of Economic Opportunity. If you do not provide information they ask for, your payments may stop until you provide the information.

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

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