

On the Internet  
On the Phone

# Apply For Unemployment



**Employment  
Security  
Department**  
WASHINGTON STATE

**Apply online at**  
**[www.esd.wa.gov](http://www.esd.wa.gov)**

## **How do I apply for unemployment?**

Log onto [www.esd.wa.gov](http://www.esd.wa.gov) to apply for unemployment.  
You can apply online **unless**:

- You worked in two or more states in the last 24 months.
- You worked in only one state other than Washington in the last 24 months.
- You were totally disabled for at least 13 consecutive weeks due to a work-related injury or a non-work related injury or illness, AND you were released by your doctor within the last 12 months.

## **What will I need when I apply?**

To apply for unemployment, you will need:

- Your Social Security number.
- Names and addresses of everyone you worked for in the last two years.
- Dates you started and stopped working for each employer.
- Reasons you left each job.
- Your alien registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen.

If you were in the military within the last 24 months, we will also ask you to fax or mail us a copy of your discharge papers (Form DD214).

## **Where can I apply?**

If you have a computer, you can apply from home.  
If not, you can use computers at your local library or WorkSource employment center.

## **What if I don't have a computer?**

You can also apply for unemployment over the phone. Call 800-318-6022 (TTY 800-365-8969).

## **When should I call?**

We are available to help you Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on state holidays. We may be open extended hours during peak periods.

If your Social Security number ends with:

0 thru 3, call Monday

4 thru 7, call Tuesday

8 thru 9, call Wednesday

Please call on your designated day. If you miss your day, you may call on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of the same week without any delay in payment.

Customers with active claims may call any day of the week.

## **What if I need an interpreter?**

Call the claims center at 800-318-6022. Interpreters are available to help at no cost to you.

## **What if I have a disability?**

If your disability prevents you from using the computer or the phone, visit your local WorkSource center. We will help you apply for unemployment.



## Go Back to Work Fast

You must make at least three employer contacts, or participate in three job search activities at your local WorkSource office, each week that you claim benefits. Visit WorkSource to find all the FREE resources you need to find a job. These include workshops, computers, copiers, telephones, fax machines, Internet access, and newspapers. Log onto [www.go2worksource.com](http://www.go2worksource.com) or call to find the office nearest you.

### WorkSource centers

- Aberdeen • 360-533-9318
- Auburn • 253-804-1177
- Bellingham • 360-676-1521
- Bremerton • 360-337-4810
- Chehalis • 360-748-2360
- Colville • 509-685-6158
- Ellensburg • 509-925-5311
- Everett • 425-258-6300
- Goldendale • 509-773-5503
- Kelso • 360-577-2250
- Kennewick • 509-734-5900
- Lakewood • 253-984-5400
- Long Beach • 360-642-6213
- Lynnwood • 425-673-3300
- Moses Lake • 509-766-4145
- Mount Vernon • 360-416-3600
- Oak Harbor • 360-675-5966
- Omak • 509-826-7310
- Port Angeles • 360 547-2103
- Port Hadlock • 360-379-4401
- Pullman • 509-332-6549
- Raymond • 360-875-9470
- Redmond • 425-861-3700
- Renton • 206-205-3500
- Seattle (North) • 206-440-2500
- Seattle (Rainier) • 206-721-6000
- Shelton • 360-427-2174
- Spokane • 509-532-3000
- Stevenson • 509-427-4464
- Sunnyside • 509-836-5405
- Tacoma • 253-593-7300
- Tumwater • 360-704-3600
- Vancouver • 360-735-5000
- Walla Walla • 509-527-4393
- Wenatchee • 509-665-6605
- White Salmon • 509-493-1210
- Yakima • 509-574-0105

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