

CARES ACT UNEMPLOYMENT

CAN I GET THE \$600/week UNEMPLOYMENT PAY IF:

I WAS ALREADY UNEMPLOYED

Yes. You will still get the unemployment benefits from your state as well as this \$600 from the Federal government if you were drawing unemployment before COVID-19.

I'M WORKING FROM HOME

No, you are still employed if you are working from home.

MY HOURS WERE CUT

It depends on your state regulations. In Alabama, yes. Benefits are paid to workers who are either unemployed or working reduced hours through no fault of their own.

I'M SELF-EMPLOYED

Yes, the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance extends benefits to gig workers, contractors & others who wouldn't otherwise qualify for unemployment compensation but cannot work due to the coronavirus emergency. You'll get the \$600 per week, plus half the average unemployment benefit in your state.

\$600 IS MORE THAN I MADE

If you qualify for unemployment, the \$600 per week applies regardless of what your salary was.

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HOW TO APPLY IN ALABAMA



Call: 1-866-2-FILE UC



Go Online: www.labor.alabama.gov

WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE

1. Your social security number.
2. Your Driver's License or Alabama ID #.
3. Your Alien Registration Card (if applicable).
4. The following information of your previous 2 employers:
 - a. Names
 - b. Complete addresses
 - c. Phone numbers
 - d. The beginning & end dates of your employment
5. Information & related documents for any federal civilian, employment, military service, or work performed in another state in the past 18 months.
6. Your bank routing number & checking or savings account number, if you want your unemployment payment deposited directly into your bank account.

INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING

Unemployment compensation benefits are taxable income. Each year all of your unemployment benefit payments are reported to the IRS and to the ADOR.

You can request to have federal income taxes withheld from your unemployment benefit payments, which will reduce your weekly payment by 10%.