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Streamlined Unemployment and TDI Applications



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, RI Department of Labor and Training (DLT) has streamlined Unemployment Benefits and Temporary Disability Insurance applications.



Rhode Island Legal Services is available to help by providing advice, troubleshooting, and representation in remote unemployment and TDI/TCI hearings. Please contact us at 401-274-2652.

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Qualification Guidelines:

The streamlined DLT application and enhanced benefits are available for those who are:

1. Unemployed due to Covid-19 layoffs and closures, OR
2. Ill or quarantined due to Covid-19, OR
3. Caring for someone who is ill or quarantined (or children at home) due to Covid-19

The RI Department of Labor and Training is **urging online applications only**.
Be sure to check the **COVID-19 box**.

[Apply Here](#)

Simplified/Enhanced Benefits Include:

- **Suspension of seven day waiting periods** for Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) or Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI)
- Works search requirements for Unemployment benefits are **not enforced**
- **No medical certification required initially** for COVID-19 related applications and eligibility either due to your own illness / quarantine (TDI) or caring for a family member (TCI)
- **Enhanced unemployment benefit amounts** are available due to additional federal funding
- Unemployment **benefits extended** beyond the usual maximum of 26 weeks



Coming Soon:

Unemployment benefits for people who do not usually qualify because they are **self-employed, gig workers, contractors, etc.** are coming soon.

**COMING
SOON**

These are federal pandemic benefits and the details and applications will be available shortly.

Sign up to get alerts by clicking the button below.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

We all know someone who has been impacted by this crisis. If you need help, our Providence office can be reached at 401-274-2652 and our Newport office can be reached at 401-846-2264. If you'd like to help, [donate here](#). Other helpful resources are available too. You are not alone.



Click the buttons below for more other useful information:

Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

RI Office of the Governor, Gina Raimondo

US Department of Veteran Affairs

Medicare & Medicaid Resources

Social Security Resource

United Way Rhode Island

RI Coalition for the Homeless

RI Department of Labor and Training

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