

About Labor *and* Industry

The Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) employs more than 6,000 workers in 200 offices statewide. Established in 1913, the Department originally inspected the working conditions in factories around the state. Over time, the Department's responsibilities expanded.

L&I administers benefits to unemployed individuals, oversees the administration of workers' compensation benefits to individuals with job related injuries, and provides vocational rehabilitation to individuals with disabilities. The Department prepares job seekers for the global workforce through employment and job training services for adult, youth, older workers, and dislocated workers. In addition, L&I enforces various laws and safety standards in the workplace and administers the Commonwealth's programs for community service by young Pennsylvanians.

L&I also promotes economic development and an improved business climate through a variety of initiatives and programs to help Pennsylvania's workforce remain world-class and globally competitive.

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Direct Deposit of UC Benefits

If you have a checking or savings account, you can have your Unemployment Compensation (UC) benefits electronically deposited into your account as long as your bank, credit union, savings and loan, etc., participates in the direct deposit program.

To complete this application, you will need to have the name and address of your financial institution, your account number and routing number. To insure accurate processing of your application, we encourage you to contact your financial institution to verify the routing number and account number used for direct deposit transactions.

You will need your social security number and PIN to access this site. Forms are also available by calling the UC Service Center at 1-888-313-7284.

Payment Information

You may view the information below if you currently have a financially eligible claim for UC benefits or have had a financially eligible claim that began within two years from today's date. In addition, you will be able to print your benefit payment history for your records. If a payment has not been issued on your claim, it may be due to an eligibility reason.

- Your total benefits payable.
- Your remaining balance on your claim.
- Your weekly benefit rate.
- If applicable, the amount of your dependents' allowance.
- If you have federal withholding tax active.
- If you have "support withholding" active.
- If you have direct deposit active.
- The amount paid for each week that has been processed for payment.
- Any deductions made to your benefit payment.
- If the payment was issued via direct deposit, debit card or check.
- The payment issue date; and, if necessary, you may request a replacement check.

This site is available Sunday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Change Personal Information Online

You may change the following information on your claim:

Residence and mailing addresses

Telephone number

Fax number

E-mail address

Personal Identification Number (PIN)

Federal Withholding status

Taxation Information for UC Benefits

All benefits are considered gross income for Federal Income Tax purposes. This includes benefits paid under the Federal Trade Adjustment Assistance, NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance and Disaster Unemployment Assistance Programs. The Department reports these benefits to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for the calendar year in which the benefits were paid.

UC benefits are not taxable by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local governments.

It is your responsibility to determine if federal tax is owed on these benefits. Failure to pay taxes on these benefits could result in underpayment penalties imposed by the IRS.

You may choose to have Federal Income Tax withheld from your UC benefit payments at the rate of 10 percent of your weekly benefit rate plus the allowance for dependents (if any). Please note: The 10% deduction is based on your gross weekly benefit rate (i.e., the amount of benefits payable before deductions for earnings, benefit reduction, child support and so forth).

At the end of January, the Department will mail an original Form UC-1099G, Statement for Recipients of Unemployment Compensation Payments, to you if you were paid UC during the prior year. This statement shows the amount of UC benefits paid and the amount of federal income tax withheld, if any. The statement will be mailed to your address of record. (The Post Office will forward Form UC-1099G if it has a forwarding address on file.)

You may also request an additional copy of your Form UC-1099G via PAT, during the period February through May.

If you need a Form UC-1099G for a year other than the prior calendar year, contact the Claims Information Center at 717-783-3140, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Claimants' Civil Rights Under Federal Law

The Department is prohibited from discriminating on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief, and, for beneficiaries only, citizenship or participation in programs funded under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, in admission or access to, opportunity or treatment in, or employment in the administration of or in connection with any WIA Title I program or activity. A complaint may be filed directly with the Director, Civil Rights Center, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Room N-4123, Washington, D.C. 20210.

If you elect to file your complaint with the Office of Equal Opportunity, you must wait until the Office of Equal Opportunity issues a decision or until 60 days have passed, whichever is sooner, before filing with the CRC (see above address). If the OEO has not provided you with a written decision within 60 days of the filing of the complaint, you need not wait for a decision to be issued, but may file a complaint with the CRC within 30 days of the expiration of the 60-day period. If you are dissatisfied with the OEO's resolution of your complaint, you may file a complaint with the CRC. Such complaint must be filed within 30 days of the date you received notice of the OEO's proposed resolution.

The Office of Equal Opportunity cannot provide information about the UC program or your claim. If you have any questions regarding your civil rights, or want to file a discrimination complaint, contact the Department of Labor and Industry, Office of Equal Opportunity, Room 514 Labor and Industry Building, Seventh and Forster Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120 or call (717) 787-1182 or 1-800-622-5422. If you have questions concerning the UC program, please call the UC Service Center or Pennsylvania Teleclaims - PAT. The complete list of PAT telephone numbers is available on the PAT site.

Social Security Number

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that we furnish this statement because you are being asked to disclose your Social Security Number for UC claims processing purposes. Your Social Security Number is needed under the authority of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 85, 6011(a), 6050(b), and 6109(a)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-7). Giving us your Social Security Number for this purpose is MANDATORY for filing for UC.

Your Social Security Number will be used to report the amount of any UC that you receive to the Internal Revenue Service as income that may be taxable. It will also be used to identify your claim, for statistical purposes, and to make sure you are eligible for UC and other public assistance benefits. If you decline to give us your Social Security Number, your claim for UC will not be processed.

Be sure to provide your Social Security Number and address when contacting us about your claim.

WARNING: It is against the law to provide a Social Security Number that is not your own or any number you have obtained by giving false information to the Social Security Administration. Use of a Social Security Number in an improper manner can result in a fine, imprisonment for five years, or both (42 U.S.C. 408).

Claimants With Disabilities

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry maintains a policy prohibiting discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all services provided and printed materials that are made available to the public. The Department will provide the same quality services to claimants with disabilities as is provided to other claimants.

Upon request, auxiliary aids and services are available to claimants with disabilities. Specifically, Pennsylvania Teleclaims -- PAT has a text telephone (TTY) number available for general inquiries regarding unemployment compensation and filing claims for weekly benefits. The PAT TTY number is 1-800-778-4PAT. In addition, the UC Service Center has a TTY number which is capable of handling specific questions about UC or requests about other related services