



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Before filing, you **MUST** have your:

- Social Security Number
- Drivers license
- Alien registration number *(if you are not a citizen)*
- Recall date *(if you expect to be recalled to your job)*
- Union information *(local number & address, if appropriate)*
- Name, address, and telephone number of employers for the past 2 years
- Beginning/ending dates and reason for job separation



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Filing Your Unemployment Claim:

- All unemployment claims run from *Sunday to Saturday*
- You may not file for unemployment *before* your actual layoff date
- If you file early, it will code your claim for the prior week and could result in a **flag** being placed on your claim
- If you miss your filing day AND fail to file within that 7 day period, *you will lose your benefits for that week*



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Things to gather/consider **BEFORE** filing:

- Your unique Identifiers – *You'll need to create a User Name, Password and 4-digit PIN*
- Bank account information – *If you want Direct Deposit*
- Dependency information – *If you aren't already entitled to the maximum benefit*
- Tax Implications – *UI is NOT taxable by New Jersey, but IS taxable by the Feds*



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Identity Verification

- You will be asked multiple choice questions to confirm your identity and protect you against identify theft
- If you fail the identity verification, you STILL will be permitted to file your claim or certify for benefit payments. HOWEVER, no benefits will be paid until you verify in-person at your local One-Stop Career Center
- If you don't answer or answer incorrectly, you must report in-person to one of our offices with identity documentation
- Information listing acceptable documentation and office locations will be mailed to you for your in-person verification



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FILE ONLINE: *njuifile.net*

To file Online, you **MUST** meet these requirements:

- You are a United States resident
- You did not work for the Federal Government
- You are not currently disabled and/or unable to work
- in the past 18 months:
 - All of your employment was in New Jersey
 - You were not in the military service
 - You did not work for a Maritime Employer



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Filing by Telephone:

Reemployment Call Centers

Northern	[Union City]	(201) 601 – 4100
Central	[Freehold]	(732) 761 – 2020
Southern	[Cumberland]	(856) 507 – 2340
If you live outside of New Jersey		(888) 795 – 6672



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Calculating Your Benefits:

- Visit our web site and use our Benefits Calculator:
<http://lwd.state.nj.us/uiapp/Start.html>
- Benefits are calculated based upon the wages earned and number of weeks (up to 26 weeks)
- If you worked for less than 26 weeks during the Base Year, your benefits will reflect the actual number of weeks worked
- Benefits are 60% of your average weekly *before-tax* wages during the Base Year



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Maximizing Your Benefits:

If you are not already qualified for the maximum rate, you may qualify for up to an additional 15% in benefits:

- Will your spouse or civil partner be unemployed the first week you file?
- Do you have children as well?
- Are you a single parent?



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Payments that don't lower your claim:

- Payment in Lieu of Notice – (When your employer continues to pay you after you stop working) – You cannot file until the last payment is received, but the payments do not reduce your benefits
- Severance or Bonus Pay
- Vacation or Sick days, Holidays
- Social Security Benefits
- Pension payments from employers outside of the Base Year



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Working Part-Time:

- It's a GOOD idea to work Part-Time while job searching because it extends your eligible benefit period for up to one year
- When you work Part-Time, you can earn up to 20% of your Weekly benefit rate *without a reduction*
- Your base rate is increased by 20% and the *money you would have received from us* is reduced by only the portion of money you earned (over 20%)
- Then, if you are still searching for Full-Time work, your benefits continue until you've exhausted the money deferred due to your Part-Time work



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Remaining Eligible:

- You must be able, available and actively seeking employment
- You will be required to certify for benefits the third Wednesday after you have filed your claim
- You *may* be asked to provide documentation about your job search efforts
- You will need to continue certifying your benefits every two weeks by answering seven questions

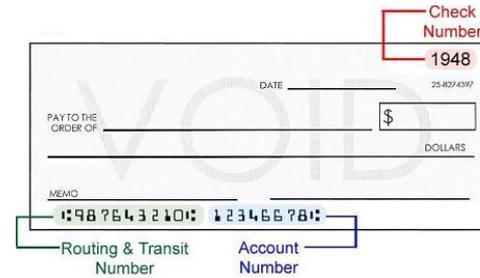


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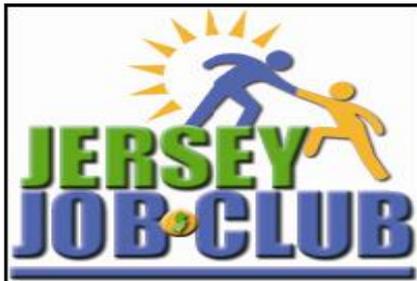
How it Works:



- You can receive your unemployment benefits two ways: **Direct Deposit** into a bank account of your choice or via a **Bank of America debit card**
- If you choose the debit card method, you may use them at any Bank of America branch with **NO FEES**; however, be careful about using it elsewhere because you *could* be charged convenience fees
- Information from Bank of America will be sent to you to explain how to use your card and instances where you could incur charges

Workforce Development

Helping You Develop Connections



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ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER



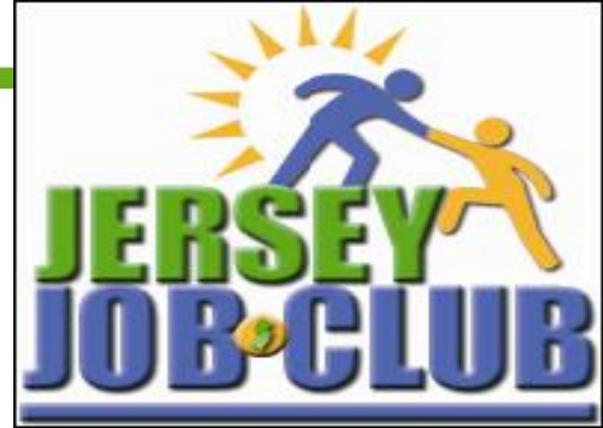
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NEW JERSEY'S
**Talent
Networks**

- **Job Hunting:** J4J's *OnRamp* system offers NEW, smart technology to deliver premiere job-search results
- Use *OnRamp* to create a resume or simply *upload* an existing resume and begin searching
- Customize your job searches or let *OnRamp* search *for you*
- Receive emails from *OnRamp* highlighting jobs fitting *your* skill set



What is a Jersey Job Club (JJC)?

A self-managing networking organization of people like you who are working together to identify employment opportunities

How do I get involved?

Visit a One-Stop Career Center or go to ***Jobs4Jersey.com*** and register...*it's that simple*

What's a Talent Network?

- Talent Networks are strategic partnerships of employers, educators and workforce development professionals
- Working together, they build skilled labor pools to connect New Jersey employers with jobseekers

How does this help you?

- Connecting with a Talent Network can be the bridge you need to transition to a new career
- Attend special networking, industry-specific events

Help with your search:

- Job-matching or assistance getting training you need to be competitive in the workforce
- Learn about educational programs, on-the-job training programs and other specialty programs, like apprenticeships
- Participate in FREE job search workshops: interview etiquette, resume writing and how to target your search
- Plus, you can use the Center's computers, phones, photocopiers and fax machines to aid your job search – ***all at no cost!***

Help with Career Development:

Employment Counselors help you find new employment through:

- Skills assessment – Identifying strengths and matching them with growing industries that are hiring
- Educational Opportunities – Explaining college and technical institute assistance programs
- Training Grants– Helping identify ways to quickly increase your skills (secure a license or certification) and/or explore new career paths