

A Guide to Unemployment Compensation (UC) for Federal Workers in Pennsylvania

If you are a federal employee or contractor who worked in Pennsylvania who lost work through no fault of your own, you should apply for UC benefits.

Qualifying Job Loss Can Include:

- Being fired for a reason other than willful misconduct (intentional misconduct),
- Quitting your job for a good reason (for example, a change in work conditions like a new requirement to return to in-person work that creates hardship), or
- Termination due to probationary status or poor work performance.

File for UC benefits as soon as you stop working:

- The fastest way to file is online at **benefits.uc.pa.gov**.
- You can also file over the phone **(888-313-7284), Monday - Friday from 8am - 4pm.**
The best time to reach an agent is Wednesday afternoon through Friday afternoon.

When you file your initial application, you will be asked if you are federal employee. When you answer “yes,” you will be asked to provide more information.

- **If you are a federal employee,** upload your SF-8 or SF-50 forms, or your W2 and a recent pay statement, during your initial application.
- **If you are a federal contractor,** upload your W2 and a recent pay statement during your initial application.

After you submit your initial application, email UCHelp@pa.gov with:

- Your full name
- The last four digits of your Social Security number
- An explanation that you are a federal employee who just submitted an initial UC application and wage documents.

To receive benefits, you must file weekly certifications:

- You can file weekly certification in your online UC account (**benefits.uc.pa.gov**) or using the automated phone filing system **(888-255-4728).**
- **You must report severance pay on your initial application** but do not need to report it on weekly claims.

For more information go to: UCHelp.org

