

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

If you are a federal employee or contractor working in Pennsylvania who had to stop working because of the government shutdown, **you may be eligible for UC benefits.**

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.**

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 about your employer and wage information.

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

After you submit your initial application, email **UCHelp@pa.gov** with the following information:

- 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 your 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)**.
- **If you take PTO while you are furloughed,** you must report that on your weekly certification.

If in the future you receive backpay for the weeks that you received UC benefits, you will be issued a non-fault overpayment.

- In Pennsylvania, you do not have to pay back a non-fault overpayment out of pocket. The only way the government can recover the overpayment is by taking a portion of any future UC benefits you collect.



For more information, go to: UCHelp.org