

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR RNs ON STRIKE

Tips for RNs

- **File a claim between Monday January 19- Saturday January 24.**
- When asked why you are applying for benefits, you should indicate- "Industrial Controversy (strike)"
- You will not be eligible for benefits until after an additional one week unpaid waiting period.
- You must file or "certify" each week to receive benefits using your PIN. At labor.ny.gov/signin or, call toll-free **888-581-5812**.
 - You can certify on Sunday for the week ending that day, starting Sunday February 1.
 - You must certify that you are looking for work to be eligible for benefits.
 - You must report any work performed for second jobs during this weekly period.
- The maximum benefit is \$869 per week- you may be eligible for up to up to 26 weeks of benefits.
- If you earn more than \$869 during any given week, no matter how many hours you worked, you cannot receive benefits for that week.
- **You can call (888) 209-8124** if you have questions about your individual case.

How to Start the Process- Step by Step

1. Go to the Unemployment Insurance website: <http://labor.ny.gov/signin>
2. Click on the button "Create NY.GOV account username and password"- use your personal email address
 - a. You can also file by phone by calling **1-888-209-8124**
3. You will receive an activation link in your email- then sign in with your NY.GOV username and password and click on the button "File a Claim."
4. You will need your employer name and the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) for your hospital- this is found on a pay stub or W-2.
5. Answer the questions asked and you will then get a PIN to use to claim benefits on a weekly basis.

See other side of this flyer for the Department of Labor's factsheet →

Get Informed & Sign Up for a Unemployment Town Hall Zoom meeting: →

- Sunday, Jan. 18 - 7 PM - 8 PM
- Monday, Jan. 19 - 7 PM - 8 PM



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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) AND STRIKES

CAN I GET UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) IF I AM OUT ON STRIKE?

If you lose your job due to a labor dispute, such as a strike, you may be eligible for UI benefits. Normally, the strike must last for 7 days before you are eligible to receive benefits. This is called a suspension period. However, you may be eligible sooner if:

- There is a lockout
- Your employer hires permanent replacement workers
- The labor dispute ends and you are still unemployed

WHEN DO I FILE A CLAIM?

DOL recommends that you file after the suspension period ends, on or after the 8th day the strike began.

HOW DO I FILE A CLAIM?

The best way to file is on our website:

Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

Friday, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Weekends from 12:01 a.m. Saturday through 7:00 p.m. Sunday

Go to labor.ny.gov/signin. You must sign in with your NY.Gov ID. If you don't have an NY.Gov ID, it's easy to create one.

You can also file by phone, Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, by calling our Telephone Claims Center (TCC) at **1-888-209-8124**. Be sure to indicate your separation reason as an "Industrial Controversy" (strike).

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I FILE A CLAIM?

You will get an Unemployment Insurance Monetary Benefit Determination letter in the mail. This will tell you the work history and earnings DOL has on file for you. It will also tell you how much money you will receive weekly, if you are eligible for UI benefits.

If you are not eligible for benefits, you will receive a determination letter (denial). The determination will explain your next steps including how to file an appeal.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

To find out more about UI, visit the DOL website at labor.ny.gov. Click on "Unemployment Benefits," and then on "File Your First Claim for Benefits." There you can find links to our Frequently Asked Questions and the UI Claimant Handbook.

WHAT IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT OR ABOUT MY CLAIM?

You can call the TCC during the hours listed to the left. Or, send us an email through your online services account. Sign in with your NY.Gov ID, and click on "messages."

WILL I RECEIVE BENEFITS AUTOMATICALLY AFTER THE 7 DAYS?

If you filed your claim after the suspension period is over, the first week of your claim is an unpaid waiting period. You must claim benefits for that week to receive credit, as well as to collect any future weeks of UI benefits. If you filed your claim during the suspension period, your claim will likely be denied and you will need to file a new claim. You do not get credit for the waiting period until after the end of the 7-day suspension period.

WHAT IF MY UNION PAYS ME FOR PICKETING (STRIKE PAY)?

If you were not required to provide strike services in order to receive the payment, there is no effect on your unemployment benefits. (Reference 12 NYCRR Section 490.2.)

WHAT IF I GET BACK PAY AFTER THE STRIKE IS OVER?

You may be required to pay back some or all of the Unemployment Benefits you received during the strike if your employer pays you back wages after the strike is over. This requirement does not apply if you experienced a lockout.