

## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS HELP Free Assistance with Online Claims for Workers Affected by Coronavirus/COVID-19

Have you lost your job or had your hours reduced, or you are temporarily out of work, because of the conoravirus/COVID-19 panademic?

The fastest, best way to file a Unemployment Insurance claim is online: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/unemployment-insurance-ui-online">www.mass.gov/unemployment-insurance-ui-online</a>.

Do you need help filing your claim online because you do not read English or don't have access to a computer? The online claim form is in English and does not work well with a smartphone or tablet.



For assistance with filing an online Unemployment Insurance claim, call (617) 603-1530 (Spanish) or (617) 603-1639 (all other languages), or fill out <u>this short form</u> (you can complete this form with a smartphone). Someone from Greater Boston Legal Services will contact you.

**For immigrants:** You can apply for unemployment benefits so long as you have authorization to work in the United States. You do not need to be a U.S. citizen. You will have to provide documentation of your immigration status and your employment authorization card. Receiving unemployment benefits does not count as a "public charge" for immigration purposes. *If you are not sure whether you can apply for unemployment benefits, please call for advice.*