

Questions from the 4.14 Webinar answered by Lisa Myatt, from the TN Dept of Labor:

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1. What if a person has been laid off but their employer has not reported it?

A separation information request will automatically be sent to the Employer when the claim is filed. They have 7 days to respond, if no response then a Claims Adjudicator will make the decision.

2. Can people receive the \$600 per week if they have not been approved for state unemployment benefits? Example: if an applicant had their hours cut but their reduced salary is still more than the \$275 per week?

At the present time, the State is reviewing the provisions of this law. More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available. It will also be on the website at www.tn.gov/workforce.

3. What does certifying mean?

A claimant must answer weekly eligibility questions online, this is also how a claimant gets paid weekly. A payment will not go out under an approved claim unless the claimant does the weekly certification. If their claim is pending, then once approved, they will get back aid for the weeks they have certified. The claimant accesses this by going to JOBS4TN.GOV and on their dashboard under the Unemployment Area they will click on file a weekly certification.

4. Should people file for unemployment for their part time job if that is the only job that they are apply unemployment for?

If their hours have been reduced/laid off, then yes they need to file a claim.

5. If you are ineligible based on not having enough work history for traditional UI will you qualify for PUA if laid off due to COVID?

See #2

6. Some people I work with, who usually work full time hourly jobs, are getting scheduled 2-6 hours a week. Can these people apply for unemployment? Is there a minimum threshold? Should they try to have their employer lay them off?

Yes, if their hours have been reduced, they need to file a claim and a determination will be made.

7. What if someone has unemployment, can they request cash at the same time (like a Cash grant)? and not lose the unemployment checks?

The wages that are reportable to us are any wages made while physically working, severance, pension received, worker's comp. A loan or grant would not be reportable.

8. Can you clarify whether or not an applicant can be over the income for the state UI, but still receive the covid benefits?

See #2