

# FACT SHEET

## Unemployment Compensation

### Regular Unemployment Compensation

A person may qualify for regular unemployment compensation if he or she worked long enough in covered employment, lost a job through no fault of their own, is able and available for work and is actively seeking work. These conditions also apply to the following types of unemployment benefits.

### Seasonal Claim

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services standards' for seasonal employment with seasonal employers is different depending on certain special circumstances. In some cases, an individual may qualify for benefits (within a season) with fewer weeks of employment than is normally required; however, he or she will not be eligible to draw benefits for weeks outside of the season.

### School Claim

If an individual is separated from an educational institution, but has "reasonable assurance" of employment in the next school term, unemployment will be denied during the scheduled school break. If, however, the applicant has sufficient noneducational employment to qualify separately, he or she may be eligible for benefits between terms. Additional information on eligibility criteria is available at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

### Interstate Claim

An individual who worked in Ohio during the base period, but now resides in another state, may call 1-877-644-6562 to file an Ohio unemployment claim. If the base period work was performed in Ohio, the claim is subject to Ohio law and all determinations and payments would be made by Ohio. Likewise, if an applicant is an Ohio resident and wants to file a claim against another state, he or she should call the toll free number listed above, and ask for information and assistance on how to file when employment was in a state other than Ohio.

### Combined Wage Claim

An individual who worked in more than one state during the base period, may qualify for unemployment benefits by combining wages from those states. To establish a combined wage claim, the applicant must apply for benefits with one of the states where the base period wages were reported.

### Unemployment Compensation for Federal Civilian Employees

If an individual is separated from civilian employment with the federal government, he or she may qualify for unemployment benefits. The applicant must provide the SF-8 or SF-50 form provided by the federal government employer at the time of separation. The federal agency will be contacted to verify the number of weeks and the amount of wages as well as separation information.

### Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Military Personnel

An individual may qualify for benefits if he or she served in active military duty during the last 18 months. The applicant must meet certain federal requirements and provide discharge papers (Form DD-214-member 4 copy). The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services can answer questions and provide assistance in obtaining Form DD-214-member 4 copy.

### Disaster Unemployment Assistance

If unemployment is caused by a federal declared major disaster, an individual may be eligible for up to 26 weeks of Disaster Unemployment Assistance administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

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## Trade Adjustment Assistance

A person may be eligible for a variety of benefits and reemployment services if the hours of work and the amount of wages are reduced if he or she loses a job, or the company's business is threatened as a direct result of international trade. These services include Trade Readjustment Allowances, job search allowance, relocation allowance, training, Health Care Tax Credit (HCTC), and a wage subsidy available through the Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) Program for older workers. Each benefit has its own eligibility requirements and claimants must apply for each benefit separately before any related service can begin.

For more details about eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits, see the Ohio Job and Family Services Web site entitled Frequently Asked Questions About Unemployment Compensation at:  
[http://jfs.ohio.gov/unemp\\_comp\\_faq/index.stm](http://jfs.ohio.gov/unemp_comp_faq/index.stm)