

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR MARTIN HEINRICH

The CARES Act expands Unemployment Insurance. Highlights include:

- Includes self-employed, contractors, gig-economy, part-time and furloughed workers. Additionally you are eligible if you are employed, but your hours have been cut or reduced to zero.
- Increases the maximum unemployment benefit amount by \$600 per week above one's base unemployment compensation benefit until July 31st.
- Makes available 13 additional weeks of unemployment for those who need it.
- Waives the normal one-week waiting period.

Applying for unemployment benefits

- Unemployment benefits are administered by the state. Individuals seeking unemployment assistance should apply here <https://www.jobs.state.nm.us/gsipub/index.asp?docid=22>.
- To apply for benefits, click "Individual" below and create an account or log in. For updates and information about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in New Mexico, visit <https://cv.nmhealth.org/>. Follow an easy step-by-step guide on setting up your new account and how to apply for Unemployment Insurance benefits at www.YouTube.com/NMDWS.
- To receive the additional \$600 per week allocated under the CARES Act, there is no additional process on top of the State's unemployment application.

Additional support from the CARES Act:

Department of Labor –\$360 million

To invest in programs that provide training and supportive services for dislocated workers, seniors, migrant farmworkers, and homeless veterans. This also includes funding for DOL agencies to ensure new Paid Leave and UI benefits are implemented swiftly and effectively.