

MORE INFORMATION

- **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**
www.ssa.gov
- **OFFICE ON AGING**
www.aging.sc.gov
- **AARP**
www.aarp.org
- **VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS AND ELIGIBLE SPOUSES**
www.scworks.org
- **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**
www.scvrd.net
- **CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENTS (WIN)** - Career Readiness Assessments provide jobseekers with proof of their ability to succeed on the job and gives employers a way to select and develop employees. If you would like to take a career readiness assessment, or want more information, please contact your local SC Works Center.

CONTACTS AND OTHER RESOURCES

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

- **To file for UI benefits**—visit scuihub.dew.sc.gov/CSS
- **For video tutorials and user guides to help you through the Unemployment Insurance process**—
dew.sc.gov/bridge-to-benefits

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- **For employment assistance**—
www.scworks.org
- **To search for a job**—www.jobs.scworks.org
- **Labor Market Information**—
scworkforceinfo.com or 803-737-2660
- **Veteran Benefits**—www.va.gov or 800-827-1000
- **Vocational Rehabilitation**— www.scvrd.net or 803-896-6500
- **Trade Act**—www.doleta.gov/tradeact or 202-693-3560
- **Employment Retirement Income Security**— visit www.dol.gov/ebsa

HEALTH INSURANCE

- **Health Insurance** www.healthcare.gov or 800-977-8660
- **Medicaid**—www.scdhhs.gov or 888-859-0820
- **Social Security**—www.ssa.gov or 800-772-1213

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YOUR NEXT STEP FORWARD

Frequently Asked Questions

What's My Next Step?

Consider the following:



Set up a personal email account if you currently do not have one. This is a critical tool for Unemployment Insurance benefits and corresponding with potential employers.



Apply for Unemployment Insurance benefits and inquire about reemployment services at your local SC Works Center.



Update your resume.



Speak to your supervisor and get a written reference if possible.



Stay focused. Use your time to explore job interests, research companies, network and apply for available jobs.



Review your financial obligations and create a budget.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Was my employer required to give me notice before I was laid off?

The Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act is a federal law that requires certain (not all) employers to give workers 60 days written notice before a plant closing or mass layoff occurs.

Q: Can I quit my job since I know I will be laid off soon?

If you quit your job while your employer still has work available for you, you could be disqualified from receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Q: How do I find out if I am eligible for Unemployment Benefits?

Applying for benefits is the only way for eligibility to be determined. You can apply for Unemployment Insurance benefits by going to www.dew.sc.gov and clicking MyBenefits Login on the top right-hand side of the page.

Q: Does Social Security or Severance pay effect my Unemployment Insurance benefits?

No. These can be collected at the same time. Be sure to hold on to your separation letter.

Q: Can I file for Unemployment Insurance benefits at an SC Works Center?

Yes. There are computers to file your online claim and staff available to assist you.

Q: Can I work while receiving unemployment benefits?

After filing and being determined eligible, working part-time while receiving unemployment is acceptable and even encouraged. However, you must report the amount you earn each week when filing your weekly claim. You may earn up to 25 percent of your weekly benefit amount without receiving a deduction in your weekly benefit amount.

Q: Will my Unemployment Insurance earnings be taxed?

Yes, your earnings are subject to state and federal income taxes. You will have the option to have taxes withheld from your benefits. Your 1099-G will be available at the end of the year through your online self-service portal.

Q: How can I prepare for a new job?

The staff at your local SC Works Center can help you in training for or obtaining a new job.

Q: Where can I get information on jobs in my area?

A list of job openings are available on www.jobs.scworks.org. Your local SC Works center offers hiring events throughout the year.

Q: I live in another state. Can I get workforce services there?

Yes. Call the American Job Center toll-free at 877-US2-JOBS (872-5627), or visit www.servicelocator.org to find a Work Center near you.