

# ELIGIBILITY CHECKER



Do I qualify for regular unemployment benefits?	YES	NO
<b>1.</b> Did you work at least 680 hours in your “base year?” Your base year is the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters before the week you apply for benefits.		
<b>2.</b> Did you work in Washington state sometime in the last 18 months?		
<b>3.</b> Are you able to work? Able to work means you are mentally and physically able to work.		
<b>4.</b> Are you available for work? Available to work means you are able to work without restrictions that would prevent you from accepting work (for example: transportation issues, illness, vacations, or lack of family/childcare).		
<b>5.</b> Were you laid off? <a href="#">Find out more about being laid off.</a>		
<b>6.</b> Did you quit your job? <a href="#">Find out more about quitting.</a>		
<b>7.</b> Did you experience a lockout due to a labor dispute?		
<b>8.</b> Were you discharged from the military in the last 18 months? <a href="#">Find out more.</a>		
<b>9.</b> None of these statements apply to me. If none apply, select Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I was fired and it was my fault.  <a href="#">Find out more about being at fault.</a></li> <li>• I am on strike from my employer.</li> <li>• I am on a leave of absence from my job.</li> <li>• I am still working.</li> </ul>		

If you answered **Yes** to *MOST* of these questions: You will likely qualify for regular unemployment benefits. Apply for benefits as soon as possible and we will review your application and decide if you qualify. **To avoid mistakes and get paid faster, please be sure to download the application checklist and read the information at [esd.wa.gov/unemployment](https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment) before applying.**

If you answered **No** to most of these questions: You might not qualify for regular benefits but could qualify for expanded benefits under the federal CARES Act during the COVID-19 pandemic. Complete the checklist on the next page to see if you could be eligible.