

KEY TIPS FOR FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

The WA State Employment Security Department has provided the following key tips for getting constituents to the right place to file their unemployment claim successfully.

The best bet is to go to www.esd.wa.gov and have folks take these steps:

1. **Stay up to date.** If you haven't already, please sign up for ESD's COVID-19 action alerts. You can do so on the agency's COVID page (esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19).
2. **Check your eligibility.** Learn more about your eligibility and when to apply for benefits using [the new eligibility checker](#). We are encouraging those eligible for regular unemployment to apply now, and newly eligible to wait until after April 18.
3. **Unemployment is expanding.** The federal CARES Act allows [self-employed people](#), [part-time workers](#), and [others affected by COVID-19](#) to use unemployment benefits. [Our website](#) has recently been updated with details about applying.
4. **Get ready to apply.** [Download the application checklist](#).
5. **Set up your account.** [Watch the tutorial video to set up your account correctly](#). It is nine minutes long but will likely save a lot of time.

ESD also has a lot of [employee and employer FAQ's](#) that are being revised constantly to provide helpful information. It's a great place to find what you are looking for.