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# Streamlined Unemployment and TDI Applications



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, RI Department of Labor and Training (DLT) has streamlined Unemployment Benefits and Temporary Disability Insurance applications.



*Rhode Island Legal Services is available to help by providing advice, troubleshooting, and representation in remote unemployment and TDI/TCI hearings. Please contact us at 401-274-2652.*

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### **Qualification Guidelines:**

The streamlined DLT application and enhanced benefits are available for those who are:

1. Unemployed due to Covid-19 layoffs and closures, OR
2. Ill or quarantined due to Covid-19, OR
3. Caring for someone who is ill or quarantined (or children at home) due to Covid-19

The RI Department of Labor and Training is **urging online applications only**. Be sure to check the **COVID-19 box**.

[Apply Here](#)

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### **Simplified/Enhanced Benefits Include:**

- **Suspension of seven day waiting periods** for Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) or Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI)
- Works search requirements for Unemployment benefits are **not enforced**
- **No medical certification required initially** for COVID-19 related applications and eligibility either due to your own illness / quarantine (TDI) or caring for a family member (TCI)

- **Enhanced unemployment benefit amounts** are available due to additional federal funding
- **Unemployment benefits extended** beyond the usual maximum of 26 weeks



**Coming Soon:**

Unemployment benefits for people who do not usually qualify because they are **self-employed, gig workers, contractors**, etc. are coming soon.

**COMING  
SOON**

These are federal pandemic benefits and the details and applications will be available shortly.

Sign up to get alerts by clicking the button below.

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## RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

We all know someone who has been impacted by this crisis. If you need help, our Providence office can be reached at 401-274-2652 and our Newport office can be reached at 401-846-2264. If you'd like to help, [donate here](#). Other helpful resources are available too. You are not alone.



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