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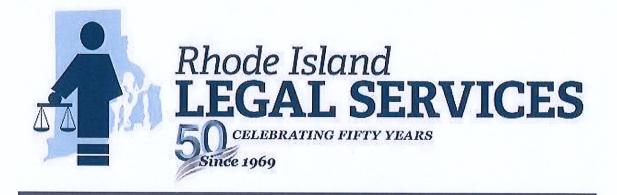
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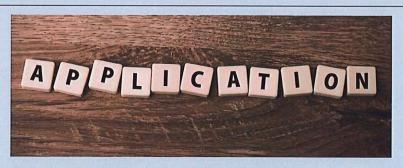
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RILS Work-Related Benefits Bulletin



# 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.

1 Readers are encouraged to review the underlying information here and reminded that this bulletin is for informational purposes only. It does not create an attorney-client relationship.

# **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** 

## 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.



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

Sign up to get alerts by clicking the button below.

Sign Up for DLT Updates

# 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.



Click the buttons below for more other useful information: