



# **NOTICE TO WORKERS**

Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits are available to workers who are unemployed and who meet the requirements of Virginia UI eligibility laws. You may file a UI claim in the first week that employment stops or work hours are reduced.

## **YOU MAY APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS IF:**

- You are totally unemployed.
- You are working reduced wages or hours.

## **YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE:**

- Your full legal name
- Your Social Security Number
- Your authorization to work (if you are not a US Citizen or resident)

## **IF TOTALLY UNEMPLOYED, ON A TEMPORARY LAYOFF, OR IF WORKING REDUCED HOURS:**

The first week you are unemployed, register for work, and file a claim for benefits. You can file your claim online at [www.vec.virginia.gov](http://www.vec.virginia.gov) or by calling our Customer Contact Center at 1-866-832-2363. Register for work online at [www.vawc.virginia.gov](http://www.vawc.virginia.gov).

## **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS, THE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU:**

- File a claim with the Virginia Employment Commission.
- Have earned sufficient wages from employers who are subject to the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act or any other State within your Base Period.
- Must be unemployed through no fault of your own.
- Must be able and available for work and actively searching for work.
- Continue to report as instructed by the Virginia Employment Commission.

You cannot be paid unemployment benefits until you have filed your claim and have met all eligibility requirements. You should file your claim as soon as you become unemployed, or your hours are reduced. If you have any questions about your rights and responsibilities under the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act, visit website [www.vec.virginia.gov](http://www.vec.virginia.gov) or call our Customer Contact Center at 1-866-832-2363.

## **THE LAW REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO POST THIS NOTICE IN A PLACE VISIBLE TO ALL WORKERS.**

**EFFECTIVE MARCH, 14, 2024, EMPLOYERS MUST ALSO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE TO EACH WORKER AT THE TIME OF SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT ([42 USC, §1103 \(h\)\(2\)](#)).**

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