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## Federal Employees



While unemployment eligibility rules are the same for federal employees, there are important differences related to documenting federal earnings. Review the information below before you apply to ensure proper processing and avoid payment delays.

If your separation was caused by a federal shutdown, pay special attention to your tax withholding. This is important because you will need to repay benefits if you return to work and receive retroactive pay.

The **fastest way** to submit a claim for unemployment insurance benefits is to use our [online system](#). Alternatively, you can call 732-761-2020 to apply for benefits by telephone.

**You may want to print a copy of this information to have with you while you are completing your unemployment application.**

### MILITARY

If you've served in the military in the last 18 months, you'll need to apply your military wages to your unemployment application, and you'll need to be in New Jersey when you submit your application.

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