




Determination and Right of Appeal

A claims adjudicator will determine your eligibility for benefits and will mail a determination to you and your employer. Any interested party disagreeing with the determination may file an appeal.

To file an appeal, you must write to the address shown on the determination. You must file your appeal within seven days after delivery or within 10 days after the determination was mailed.

The appeal period will be extended only if you can show good cause for late filing. Good cause exists in situations when you can show that the delay was due to circumstances beyond your control, which you could not have reasonably foreseen or prevented.



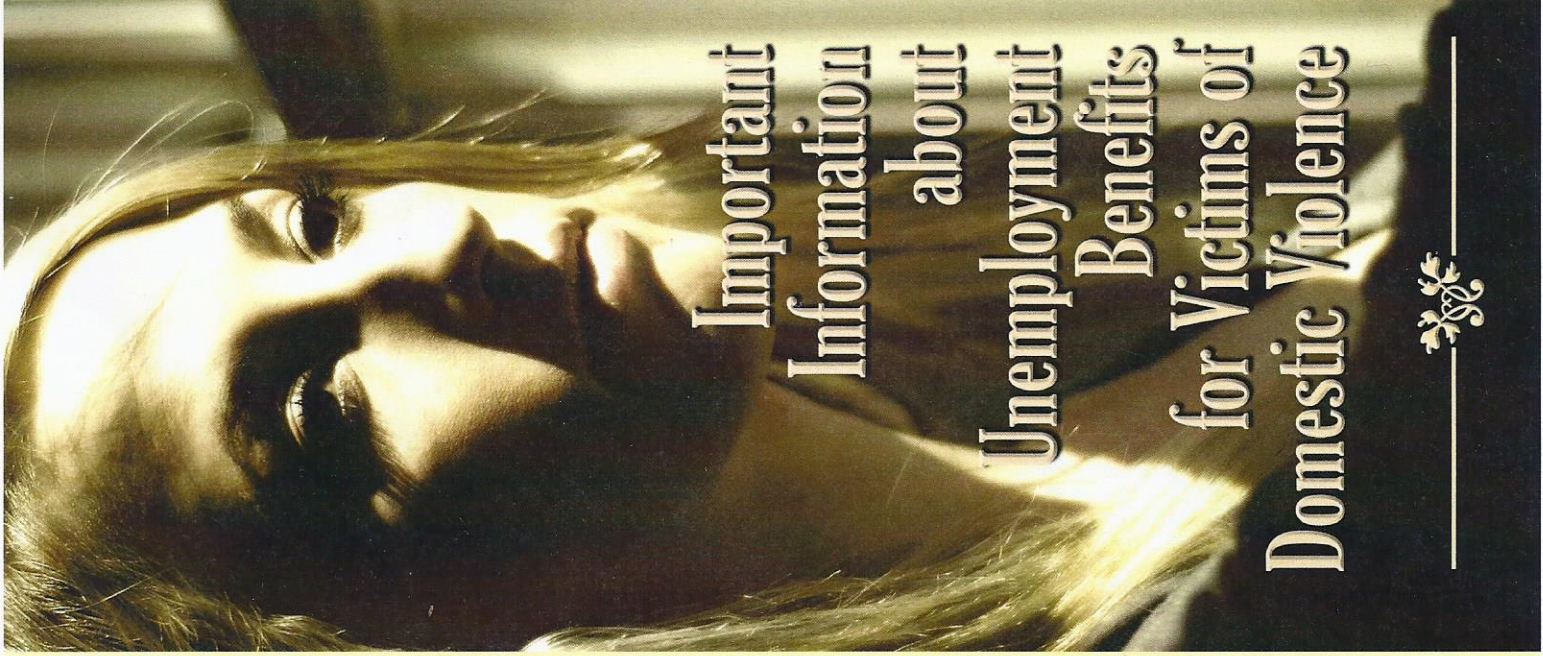
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Important Information about Unemployment Benefits for Victims of Domestic Violence



Am I eligible for unemployment benefits?

You are a victim of domestic violence, and to protect yourself you had to leave your job. Are you disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits because you left your job?

No, if you can provide certain kinds of proof that you are a victim of domestic violence.

The law states that a person who had to leave work because of domestic violence must provide any of the following documentation:

- a restraining order or other documentation of equitable relief issued by a court of competent jurisdiction
- a police record documenting the domestic violence
- proof that the perpetrator has been convicted of one or more of the offenses under N.J.S.A. 2C:25-19 (The New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice)

- medical documentation of the domestic violence
- certification from a certified Domestic Violence Specialist or the director of a designated domestic violence agency that you are a victim of domestic violence
- or
- other documentation or certification of the domestic violence provided by a social worker, member of the clergy, shelter worker or other professional who has assisted the individual in dealing with the domestic violence.

In addition, you must be otherwise eligible for unemployment benefits.

Definitions

Domestic Violence is

- homicide
- assault
- terroristic threats
- kidnapping

- criminal restraint
- false imprisonment
- sexual assault
- criminal sexual assault
- burglary
- criminal trespass
- harassment
- stalking, or
- lewdness

committed against a person who is protected under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1990. (Domestic violence involves partners, roommates, or family members who live together.)

A *Certified Domestic Violence Specialist* is someone who has met the requirements established by the New Jersey Association of Domestic Violence Professionals.

A *Designated Domestic Violence Agency* is a countywide organization with a primary purpose to assist victims of domestic violence and which is under contract to provide services as defined by the Division of Youth and Family Services.