



Self-Employed NJ Workers: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

OVERVIEW: Assistance is available to self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig and platform workers who are impacted by COVID-19.

THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RELIEF FOR WORKERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. It provides assistance to workers who have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus emergency by creating Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). Please note: This document may be modified as more information becomes available.

1. I'm self-employed, an independent contractor, a gig worker, or a platform worker. What do I get from the CARES Act?

If eligible, you can receive Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). These benefits can be retroactive for periods of unemployment that began after February 2, 2020.

2. How much is PUA?

PUA potentially provides the same amount as regular unemployment (60% of your average weekly salary, up to a maximum of \$713 per week) for up to a total of 39 weeks. The PUA amount for the self-employed is calculated using prior year(s) tax returns if wages are not reported through wage records. The PUA minimum, for businesses operating at a loss or with insufficient income to qualify for benefits, is \$231 per week. PUA benefits are considered taxable income. PUA recipients are also eligible for an extra \$600 per week, also taxable. The \$600 per week is retroactive to the week ending April 4, 2020, and ends the week of July 25, 2020.

3. How can I get PUA?

You must be negatively impacted by the coronavirus emergency to be eligible. See USDOL's website, "**Unemployment Insurance Relief During COVID-19 Outbreak.**" You will have to certify that you are unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work for any of a list of coronavirus-related reasons.

- NJDOL is working with the U.S. Department of Labor to develop the process to assess your application for this new federal program of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. In the meantime, applying for unemployment insurance is the necessary first step.
- If you choose to file now, refer to our **application guide** for self-employed workers to ensure that you answer application questions correctly.
- Apply online at myunemployment.nj.gov.
- Begin collecting two years of income-history demonstrating documents, such as tax returns.

4. I went ahead and applied online for unemployment when I heard about the CARES Act and I haven't heard back yet. What do I do?

If you received a confirmation number, you do not have to take any action - your claim will be reviewed by Unemployment Insurance staff. Our system is experiencing record levels of demand and all in-person services statewide are currently closed due to COVID-19. If your application was not successful, please keep trying, and see the application guide in #3 above. You will not lose a day's benefits as all claims will be backdated to your first day of employment loss.

MISCLASSIFICATION

Misclassification is the practice of illegally and improperly classifying workers as independent contractors, rather than employees.

6. I believe I've been misclassified as an independent contractor, and I lost my work due to coronavirus. What should I do?

The New Jersey Department of Labor is currently working with the U.S. Department of Labor to develop the process to assess your application for this new federal program of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. In the meantime, applying for unemployment insurance is the necessary first step. See #3 for our application guide. If you file now, Unemployment Insurance staff will first assess your application and your relationship to your employer. In addition, you may report your misclassification by emailing: misclass@dol.nj.gov.

THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT: EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE AND EXPANDED FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED

The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act took effect April 1, 2020 and gives certain workers access to emergency paid leave to care for themselves or a loved one, or to care for their children at home, due to coronavirus. For additional guidance, see **USDOL's FAQs** and NJDOL's publication **What NJ Workers Need to Know About the Families First Coronavirus Response Act**. This is a federal program; NJDOL is providing this information as a resource to our workers. Questions should be directed to the **USDOL** and **IRS**.

7. I'm self-employed, an independent contractor, a gig worker, or a platform worker. What do I get from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act?

Although you will not receive emergency paid sick leave or emergency FMLA childcare leave as direct payments, you can obtain equivalent tax breaks. You can receive a tax credit worth up to 80 hours of emergency paid sick leave to care for yourself or a loved one impacted by coronavirus; and up to 12 weeks (2 weeks unpaid, 10 weeks paid) emergency FMLA childcare leave to care for your child at home because they have no school or childcare due to coronavirus. This credit is applied against your annual income taxes and it is refundable. This means that you will get a rebate if your sick leave/childcare leave expenses were greater than your tax bill. Learn more from the **IRS**. The emergency paid leave must be taken between April 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

8. How is a gig worker/self-employed worker defined in the federal FFCRA law?

The law permits a worker who "carries on a trade or business," and who would be entitled to FFCRA paid leave if she or he were an employee of an employer, to receive tax breaks.

9. What kinds of records do I have to keep in order to receive the tax credit?

It is recommended that you keep the following records:

- a. Documentation to show how you determined the amount of sick leave and childcare leave that you used, including records of work and telework;
- b. Documentation to show how you determined these expenses;
- c. Copies of any completed IRS Forms 7200 ("Advance Payment of Employer Credits Due to COVID-19") that you submitted to the IRS;
- d. Copies of the completed IRS Forms 941 ("Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return") you submitted to the IRS; and,
- e. Any other relevant documents requested by the IRS. For more information, please consult <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/new-employer-tax-credits>.



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Guidance for Self-Employed Individuals **FILING A PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE CLAIM** myunemployment.nj.gov

Please print this guide or keep it viewable on your computer while you complete the application.

To apply online for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits, you should first collect:

- Social Security Number
- Alien Registration Number (if you are not a US citizen)
- NJ driver license or state ID number (if available)
- Pension information (if you are receiving any pension or 401k from a recent employer)
- Amount and duration of any separation pay you may be receiving from any past employer
- Recall date (if you expect to be recalled to your job; may be left blank)
- Union hiring hall information, including local number and address (if you get work through a union)
- Military Form DD-214 (if you were in the military in the last 18 months)

Next, prepare the following information about your self-employment, platform or “gig” employment and all other employment, if any. For each self-employment or employer that you worked for in the last 18 months, please collect the following:


- Name and address of employer (if there were additional employers other than yourself)
- Employer’s telephone number (may be left blank if unknown)
- Your occupation with that employer
- Beginning date and last dates you worked for each employer
- Reason for separation

If you have never created an account with myunemployment.nj.gov, follow the instructions here to create an account:
<https://myunemployment.nj.gov/labor/myunemployment/before/createaccount/index.shtml>.

**Please note that it is not possible to save your online application and return to it.
You must complete it and submit it all at once.**

To file an application for benefits, please refer to the following instructions for self-employed, independent contractor, gig, and platform workers. Please print this guide or keep it viewable on your computer while you complete the application.

When completing Step 1: General Information, refer to this guide:

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General Information

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Please be advised that if your computer is idle for 30 minutes or more, your session will "time out" and all of your claim information will be lost. If you exit for any reason before completing the application, all of your information will be lost.
If your Name is not correct, then please [click here](#) to change your information.

SSN: xxx-xx-xxxx
Date of Claim: 03-05-2017
Date of Birth: 07-23-1972
Legal First Name: UITRA
Middle Initial:
Legal Last Name: DAYS

1.1 Please select your suffix, if applicable: *-Select-*

* 1.2 Please select your gender: Male Female

1.3 Please select the applicable form of identification:

* ID Type:

Please enter the number including letter of the New Jersey issued ID or driver's license.

ID Number:
Re-enter ID Number:

* 1.4 In the past 18 months, have you worked under a name different from above? Yes No

If "Yes," please enter the name you worked under:

First Name:
Middle Initial:
Last Name:
Suffix: *-Select-*

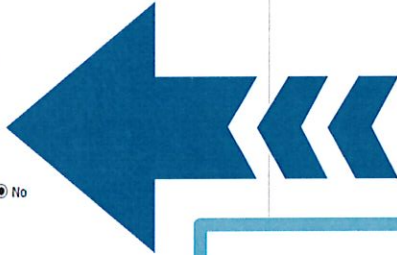
* 1.5 When you worked in New Jersey, did you live out of state? Yes No

If "Yes," will you continue seeking work in New Jersey? *-Select-*

* 1.6 Have you filed an Unemployment Insurance in a State other than New Jersey in the past 12 months? Yes No

If "Yes," please select the state in which you filed a claim in the past 12 months: *-Select-*

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If you do not have this number, leave these fields blank.

When completing Step 2: Personal Information, refer to this guide, fill in all fields, and review for accuracy:

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Personal Information

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* 2.1 Are you a citizen or national of the United States? Yes No

* 2.2 Please enter your home telephone number: 732 - 555 - 5162

2.3 Please enter your alternate telephone number: - - -

2.4 Please enter your email address: 5162@SSI.COM
Re-type email address: 5162@SSI.COM

* 2.5 If you are scheduled for an appointment, do you need an interpreter? Yes No
If "Yes," please select the language you speak. *-Select-*
If "Other," please specify the language you speak.

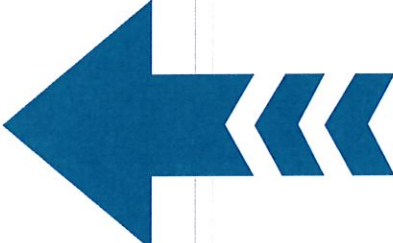
* 2.6 Please select the number of years of education you have completed. 11

* 2.7 What is your ethnic group? Choose not to Answer


* 2.8 What is your race? Choose not to Answer

* 2.9 When you are working, are you the primary / main wage earner in your household? Yes No

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When completing Step 3: Eligibility Information, refer to this guide:

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Eligibility Information

* 3.1 Are you ready, willing and able to immediately work full-time? Yes No

* 3.2 Are you or have you been a student in full-time attendance at an educational institution with a degree program in progress?

* 3.3 Are you currently enrolled in job training or college? Yes No
If "No," do you plan to enroll in job training or college?

If "Yes," do you have a definite date to start in job training or college?
If "Yes," enter the definite date planned to start in job training or college: _____

* 3.4 Do you wish to have 10% Federal Income Tax withheld from your benefit payments?

* 3.5 Do you wish to claim a dependency allowance?

* 3.6 Are you a member of a union? Yes No
If "Yes," do you seek work through a Union hiring hall?

* 3.7 Are you currently registered with Vocational Rehabilitation?

* 3.8 How do you wish to receive your Benefit Payment?

If you selected "Direct Deposit," please enter the following information:

* Account Type:

* Routing Number:

* Re-enter Routing Number:

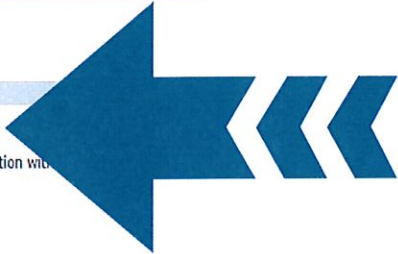
* Account Number:

* Re-enter Account Number:

John Q. Public
123 Any Street
Trenton, NJ 08608 101

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Memo: **VOID**



Answer "Yes" if

1. You were physically able to do your work before your self-employment ended (and you lost your job/hours due to your own coronavirus illness, your need to care for a family/household member with coronavirus, or your employment situation changed because of coronavirus public health emergency); OR
2. You are out of work temporarily due to a self-employment/employer closure related to the coronavirus and expect to return to your job; OR
3. You are able and available for work



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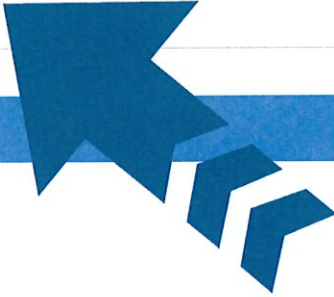
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Employment Summary * required field

Employers Added

Please select the "Add" button below if you have worked for any employer(s) from 10-01-2015 to 03-04-2017 . If you have no employer(s) to add from 10-01-2015 to 03-04-2017 , then select the "Continue" button.



Click on "Add NJ Employer" to list all self-employment, independent contract, gig and platform work, as well as any other employment in the last 18 months

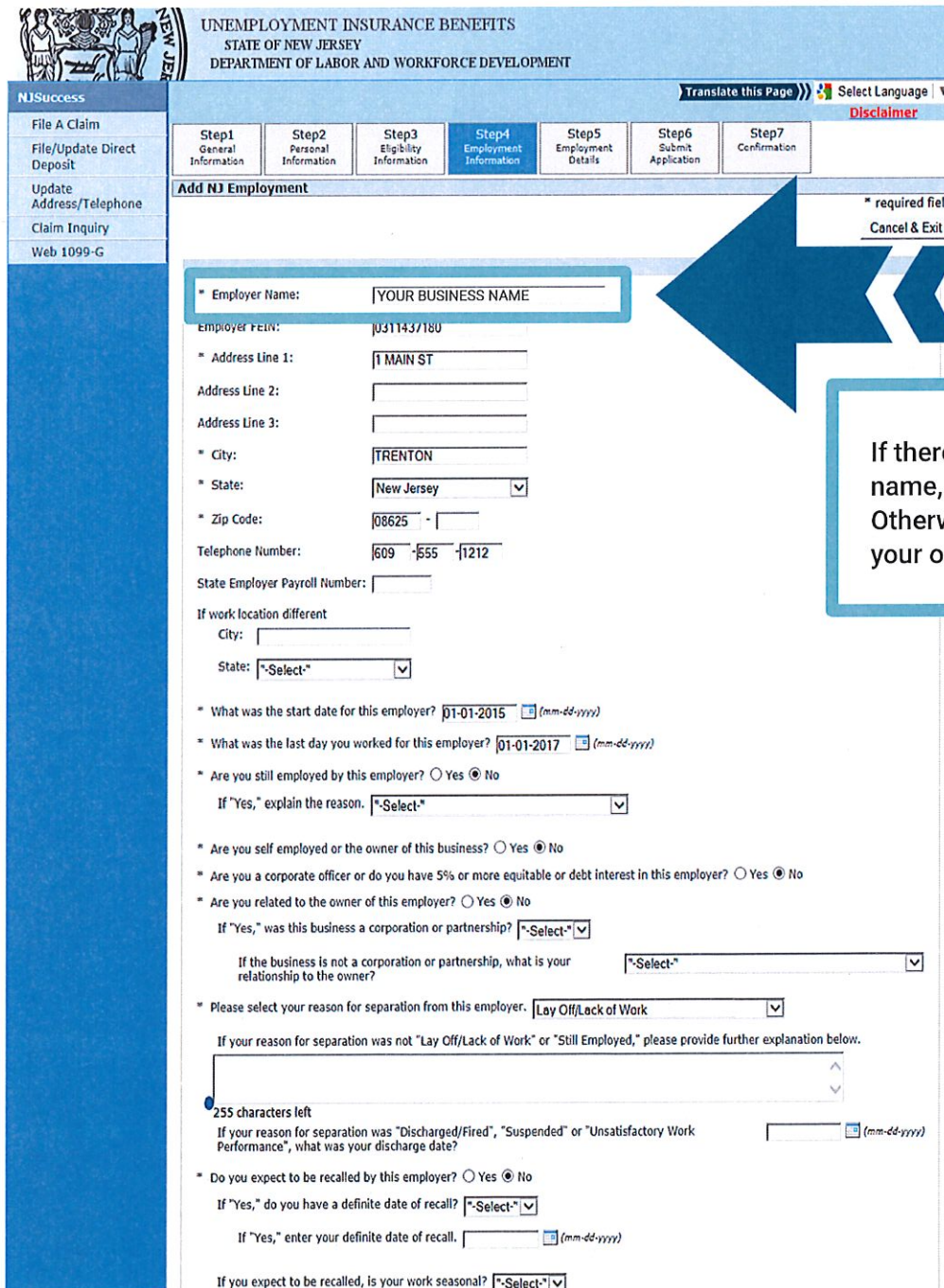
When completing Step 4: Employment Information, refer to this guide:

Identifying your Employer Name:

If you are self-employed, enter your business name (if one exists), or your name in the "Employer Name" field.

If you are an independent contractor, gig or platform worker, and you work for an entity, app, website, or other online platform, you could be considered an employee of that business and would enter their business/platform/app name in the "Employer Name" field.

NOTE: You would be considered an employee if that business controls/directs your work; and your work is part of the usual course of business or is within the places of business of that entity for which your service is performed; and if you are not engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession or business.



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Add NJ Employment * required field Cancel & Exit

* Employer Name: YOUR BUSINESS NAME

Employer FEIN: 0311437180

* Address Line 1: 1 MAIN ST

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3:

* City: TRENTON

* State: New Jersey

* Zip Code: 08625 -

Telephone Number: 609 - 555 - 1212

State Employer Payroll Number:

If work location different

City:

State: *-Select-

* What was the start date for this employer? 01-01-2015 (mm-dd-yyyy)

* What was the last day you worked for this employer? 01-01-2017 (mm-dd-yyyy)

* Are you still employed by this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," explain the reason. *-Select-

* Are you self employed or the owner of this business? Yes No

* Are you a corporate officer or do you have 5% or more equitable or debt interest in this employer? Yes No

* Are you related to the owner of this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," was this business a corporation or partnership? *-Select-

If the business is not a corporation or partnership, what is your relationship to the owner? *-Select-

* Please select your reason for separation from this employer. Lay Off/Lack of Work

If your reason for separation was not "Lay Off/Lack of Work" or "Still Employed," please provide further explanation below.

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If your reason for separation was "Discharged/Fired", "Suspended" or "Unsatisfactory Work Performance", what was your discharge date? (mm-dd-yyyy)

* Do you expect to be recalled by this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," do you have a definite date of recall? *-Select-

If "Yes," enter your definite date of recall. (mm-dd-yyyy)

If you expect to be recalled, is your work seasonal? *-Select-

If there is a business name, enter it here. Otherwise, enter your own name.

NOTE: If you have multiple employers, make sure you are answering correctly for the employer listed at the top of this screen.



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Add NJ Employment

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* Employer Name: YOUR BUSINESS NAME

Your FEIN: 000000000

Address Line 1: 1 MAIN ST

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3:

* City: TRENTON

* State: New Jersey

* Zip Code: 08625 - 1212

Telephone Number: 609 - 655 - 1212

State Employer Payroll Number:

If work location different

City:

State: *-Select-

* What was the start date for this employer? 01-01-2015 (mm-dd-yyyy)

* What was the last day you worked for this employer? 01-01-2017 (mm-dd-yyyy)

* Are you still employed by this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," explain the reason. *-Select-

* Are you self employed or the owner of this business? Yes No

* Are you a corporate officer or do you have 5% or more equitable or debt interest in this employer? Yes No

* Are you related to the owner of this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," was this business a corporation or partnership? *-Select-

If the business is not a corporation or partnership, what is your relationship to the owner? *-Select-

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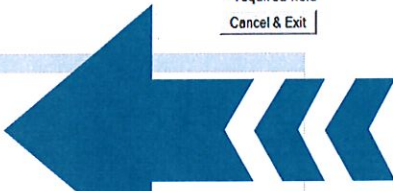
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If "Yes," do you have a definite date of recall? *-Select-

If "Yes," enter your definite date of recall. (mm-dd-yyyy)

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Enter your business FEIN if you have it, otherwise enter all zeros.



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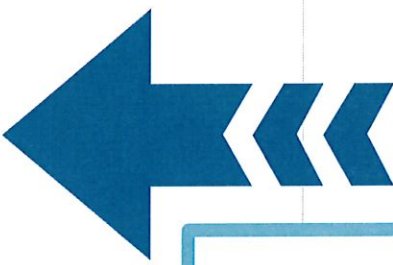
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* Employer Name: YOUR BUSINESS NAME
Your FEIN: 000000000

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Address Line 3:

* City: TRENTON
* State: New Jersey
* Zip Code: 08625
Telephone Number: 609 655 1212



If you are self-employed, use your own business or home address. If you have listed a company, platform or app for which you do work, complete their address to the best of your ability.

If work location different
City:
State: *-Select-

* What was the start date for this employer? 01-01-2015
* What was the last day you worked for this employer? 01-01-2017
* Are you still employed by this employer? Yes No
If "Yes," explain the reason. *-Select-
* Are you self employed or the owner of this business? Yes No
* Are you a corporate officer or do you have 5% or more equitable or debt interest in this employer? Yes No
* Are you related to the owner of this employer? Yes No
If "Yes," was this business a corporation or partnership? *-Select-
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* Do you expect to be recalled by this employer? Yes No
If "Yes," do you have a definite date of recall? *-Select-
If "Yes," enter your definite date of recall.
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* Employer Name: |YOUR BUSINESS NAME

Your FEIN: |000000000

* Address Line 1: |1 MAIN ST

Address Line 2: |

Address Line 3: |

* City: |TRENTON

* State: |New Jersey

* Zip Code: |08625 - |

Telephone Number: |609 -555 -1212

State Employer Payroll Number: |

If work location different

City: |

State: |*-Select-

* What was the start date for this employer? |01-01-2015 (mm-dd-yyyy)

* What was the last day you worked for this employer? |01-01-2017 (mm-dd-yyyy)

* Are you still employed by this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," explain the reason. |*-Select-

* Are you self employed or the owner of this business? Yes No

* Are you a corporate officer or do you have 5% or more equitable or debt interest in this employer? Yes No

* Are you related to the owner of this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," was this business a corporation or partnership? |*-Select-

If the business is not a corporation or partnership, what is your relationship to the owner? |*-Select-

* Please select your reason for separation from this employer. |Lay Off/Lack of Work

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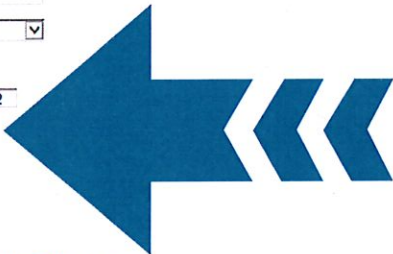
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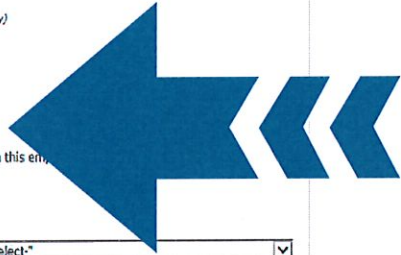
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* Are you still employed by this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," explain the reason. *-Select-

* Are you self employed or the owner of this business? Yes No

* Are you a corporate officer or do you have 5% or more equitable or debt interest in this employer? Yes No

* Are you related to the owner of this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," was this business a corporation or partnership? *-Select-

If the business is not a corporation or partnership, what is your relationship to the owner? *-Select-

* Please select your reason for separation from this employer. Lay Off/Lack of Work

If your reason for separation was not "Lay Off/Lack of Work" or "Still Employed," please provide further explanation below.

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If your reason for separation was "Discharged/Fired", "Suspended" or "Unsatisfactory Work Performance", what was your discharge date? (mm-dd-yyyy)

* Do you expect to be recalled by this employer? Yes No

If "Yes," do you have a definite date of recall? *-Select-

If "Yes," enter your definite date of recall. (mm-dd-yyyy)

If you expect to be recalled, is your work seasonal? *-Select-

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Enter "No" if business is an LLC.



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* Employer Name: YOUR BUSINESS NAME

Your FEIN: 0000000000

* Address Line 1: 1 MAIN ST

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3:

* City: TRENTON

* State: New Jersey

* Zip Code: 08625 -

Telephone Number: 609 - 655 - 1212

State Employer Payroll Number:

If work location different

City:

State: *-Select-

* What was the start date for this employer? (mm-dd-yyyy)

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If your reason for separation was "Still Employed," please provide details.

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If you expect to be recalled, is your work seasonal? *-Select-

If your self-employment has been affected by the coronavirus, select "No."

Only answer yes if

1. You are not the owner, AND
2. When you work for this employer, you are working for a relative.

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Please select your reason for separation from this employer.

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* Employer Name: YOUR BUSINESS NAME
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Address Line 3:
* City: TRENTON
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* Zip Code: 08620
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"Select-"
Business Closed
Fired/Discharged
Lay Off/Lack of Work
Quit/Resigned
Reorganization
Retired
Still Employed
Strike/Labor Dispute
Suspended
Unsatisfactory Work Performance
Work Hours Reduced Due To Lack of Work
Business Closed/Hours Reduced - COVID-19 Related
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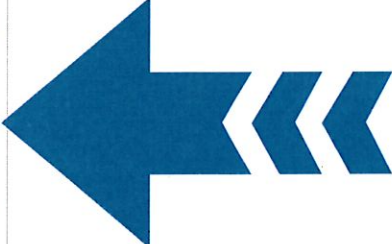
**BUSINESS CLOSED/
HOURS REDUCED:**
Your client closed their business or halted/reduced your work due to COVID-19.

**VOLUNTARY LEAVE/
REDUCED HOURS:**
You made the decision to stop offering or reduce your services due to COVID-19 related concerns.

OTHER- COVID19 RELATED:
Any other COVID-19 reason you cannot work, such as you are sick with or caring for someone with coronavirus, or at home with your child whose school has been closed.

If your self-employment has been affected by COVID-19, please choose one of the three COVID-19 options. Write "COVID19 Impact" in the box below.

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Continue to Add NJ Employers until you have included each employer you have had for the past 18 months. Click on the "Continue" Button when all employers have been added.

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Employers Added

Please select the "Add" button if you wish to add another employer from 10-01-2015 to 03-04-2017. Select the employer and "Update" button if you wish to change your employer information. Select the employer and the "Delete" button if you wish to remove an employer that

Select	Employer Name
<input type="radio"/>	YOUR BUSINESS NAME

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Next, finish the application.

Complete Step 5: Employment Details

In this section you will be asked about the presence of a disability, pension or other related pay, as well as how you were paid by your self-employment or other employer.

Complete Step 6: Submit Application

Complete Step 7: Record your confirmation number. Begin collecting all income demonstrating documents, such as W-2s, 1099s, etc. from the past two years.

Add all of the employers not already listed that you worked for in the dates that auto-populate. Include all employment relationships: your own self-employment/business, a business where you were a corporate officer, other employers where you were paid on W2, or an entity, app, website, or other online platform for which you were an independent contractor, gig or platform worker.

What happens next:

Per federal rules, an applicant for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) must first be assessed for traditional unemployment insurance benefit eligibility. If you are denied traditional unemployment benefits, you can always file an appeal, which takes time. Once denied, you are most likely eligible for benefits under Pandemic Unemployment Assistance since ineligibility for regular unemployment is a prerequisite for receiving these expanded benefits due to COVID-19.

In this case you will need to gather the last two years of your tax returns or other evidence of income history, which will be necessary for processing your claim. The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits can be paid retroactively for periods of unemployment, beginning on or after February 2, 2020. Additional details will be posted online as they become available.

The New Jersey Department of Labor is currently working with the United States Department of Labor to develop the process to assess your application for this new federal program. We ask for your patience at this time; once the process is determined, you will be contacted and the Department of Labor's website will be updated with details and expected timelines.



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