

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

A federal budget appropriation was not reached by the United State Congress and President Donald J. Trump by December 22, 2018, resulting in the recent partial federal government shutdown. Federal government employees in California impacted by the shutdown who are out of work or are working without pay may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. Federal employees who are required to work without pay during the shutdown are encouraged to apply for UI benefits, as California considers them “unemployed.” This designation will apply until an appropriation is authorized, which may allow federal employees to receive back pay.

Federal employees may apply for UI benefits with California’s Employment Development Department (EDD) by using the following methods:

By Phone 1-855-327-7056 (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 12 noon)

By Fax 1-866-215-9159

By Mail EDD
P.O. Box 12906
Oakland, Ca 94604-2909

Federal employees selecting to fax or mail their applications should complete the [Unemployment Insurance Application \(Federal Employee\), DE 1101BD](#), that is available on the EDD website.

America’s Job Center of CaliforniaSM (AJCC) staff should encourage affected federal government employees to file a UI claim by phone, mail or fax. Also, AJCC staff can direct government employees to the EDD’s [Federal Shutdown – FAQ](#) webpage for additional assistance. The FAQ webpage includes answers to questions regarding topics such as UI benefit eligibility for federal employees affected by the shutdown, repayment of UI benefits, and how to complete the continued claim form.

The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The following is additional UI information and financial resources available to affected federal employees:

- [*Unemployment Insurance Benefits for Federal Employees Impacted by the Federal Government Shutdown, DE2338FED*](#)
- [U.S. Office of Personnel Management Furlough Guidance](#) – Important Unemployment Insurance Resources for Federal Agencies and Employees
- [California Credit Union League](#) – Provides a list of credit unions offering programs to those affected by the shutdown.
- [Public Assistance](#) – A list of agencies and organizations with resources that may be available in the community.

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