

## **Basic Unemployment Insurance Questions for KY:**

### **What is Unemployment Insurance and who is eligible?**

As explained on the [Kentucky Career Center](#) website, “The Kentucky Career Center provides unemployment services when employees become unemployed at no fault of their own. Those workers can receive a small amount of money to help them make ends meet during unemployment. That money comes from unemployment insurance. Unemployment insurance is funded by payroll taxes that are paid by most employers. To file a claim for unemployment insurance benefits, the job seeker must be separated from their employer or experience a reduction in their work hours.”

We recommend watching this [video](#), explaining Unemployment Insurance and how it works.

### **How would you apply for Unemployment?**

The webpage to file for unemployment can be found [here](#). Scroll down to the yellow button that says, “File My Claim.”

If you need assistance or have specific questions while filing for unemployment insurance, you should contact the Kentucky Career Center at either of the following numbers:

- **General Information:** (502) 564-2900
- **Local Number:** (859) 292-6666

Additionally, there are several videos explaining common steps or issues that applicants may experience.

- [How to Create a Profile](#)
- [How to Upload Documents](#)
- [How to Reset Your Unemployment PIN](#)

### **Is Unemployment different for those who have lost their jobs due to COVID?**

This [FAQ page](#) gives further information directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic and unemployment insurance. Including the schedule for filing claims, the filing timeline, and other benefit resources.

### **How do I include UI on my 2020 taxes?**

Per the KCC website, if you received unemployment benefits, you will need to file taxes with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). 1099-G documents for the year 2020 are in the process of being mailed out to over 600,000 claimants and the document has been added to your UI account.

The most common use of the 1099-G is to report unemployment compensation as well as any state or local income tax refunds you received that year. A 1099-G is a tax form from the IRS showing the

amount of refund, credit, or interest issued to you in the calendar year filing from your individual income tax returns.

You can find **frequently asked questions** about the 1099-G by clicking [here](#).

**What if I need rent or utility assistance because of COVID?**

Tenants who qualify for rent and utility assistance to cover past-due and future bills can apply for the Healthy at Home Eviction Relief Fund which has an additional \$264 million to keep Kentuckians safe throughout the pandemic.

You can access the Team Kentucky Health at Home Eviction Relief Fund, [here](#).

**\*Please note\***

The Department of Justice has recently received fraudulent UI claims. Please read their statement [here](#).