



## Nevada Unemployment Insurance Benefits related to Federal Government Shutdown (FAQ's)

### **Will I be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits while on a federal furlough?**

A: As a rule, if you become unemployed through no fault of your own and are on a temporary furlough (lay off) from your employer, you may be entitled to benefits if you meet other program eligibility requirements. All claims for unemployment benefits are reviewed and determined on a case-by-case basis.

Keep in mind that if you are determined to be eligible for benefits, you must file a continued weekly claim in order to receive payments to the issued program debit card. For additional claim filing information, go to <http://ui.nv.gov/> and select *For UI Claimants* tab. The most convenient and quickest way to file for unemployment benefits is through the Nevada *UInv* Claimant Self-Service (CSS) portal.

### **Will I be required to look for work while out of work due to a federal furlough?**

A: Nevada Unemployment Work Search Requirements for the Government Shutdown effective 12/22/18, will be temporarily waived for an initial indefinite period. However, continued waivers related to work search requirements are subject to future review and additional information regarding any change in requirements will be provided to program participants at a later date in the event of an extended furlough period.

### **If I am considered an *essential* federal worker and still employed during the furlough, can I file an unemployment claim?**

A: Although you may file a claim for unemployment insurance benefits, you would not meet program eligibility requirements if you are working full-time (32 or more hours per week), i.e., TSA-Transportation Security employee, regardless of when you will be paid. You would not be considered *unemployed* for the purposes of unemployment benefits in Nevada.

### **What if I receive back pay for the time I was on furlough?**

A: If you receive back pay for any days and hours that you were on furlough and received unemployment insurance benefits for that same period, you **must** pay back the benefits you received. A *Federal Employees on Furlough during the Government Shutdown* questionnaire will be sent to you with instructions for completing and returning the form back to the division. You may also find the questionnaire at <http://ui.nv.gov/> by selecting the link under the *For UI Claimants* tab. For direct questions related to the questionnaire, you may call (775) 684-3880.