



One Week Waiting Period Frequently Asked Questions

What is the waiting week?

A valid one week **Waiting Period** must be served in each claim benefit year before unemployment insurance benefits can be paid to you. You must properly file for the one week waiting period, meet all of the eligibility requirements for that week and not have excessive earnings for that week to be credited as your one week waiting period. Benefits are not paid for the one week waiting period.

When does the waiting week go into effect?

The one week waiting period goes into effect with all new benefit year claims starting as of January 5, 2014.

How many waiting weeks are possible in a year?

A claimant will have to serve one week waiting period per claim benefit year.

If my employer lays me off several times a year, will I need to serve a waiting week each time I'm laid off?

No, there is one week waiting period served per claim benefit year.

When should I file my first request for weekly benefits, should I wait until after the waiting period week is over?

DO NOT WAIT to file your weekly benefit request. File for your weekly benefits each week starting with the first week of your claim. You must properly request and meet all of the eligibility requirements and not have excessive earnings for the week to be credited as your one week waiting period.

Will this waiting period reduce my maximum allowed benefit?

No, the one week waiting period does not affect a claimant's maximum benefit amount.

What if I file a reduced hours claim, will that week count as my waiting week?

Yes, as long as you are eligible to receive any benefit payment, including a reduced amount, that week can count as your one week waiting period as long as you have meet all other eligibility requirements.