# Help for Laid- off and Unemployed Workers

States run various programs to help connect people with jobs. The first is the unemployment compensation program (UI), which, IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, will pay a certain percentage of your wages for up to 26 weeks generally if you have lost your job THROUGH NO FAULT OF YOUR OWN. You have to actively look for work while receiving UI and the object is to sustain you until you can get back into the workforce. For general UI info go here <http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/uifactsheet.asp>

To apply for Unemployment Compensation:

NOTE- **You file for benefits from the state in which you worked**

District of Columbia

<https://does.dcnetworks.org/claimantservices/Logon.aspx>

Delaware

<https://uicc.delawareworks.com/Consumer/Default.aspx>

Maryland

<http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/unemployment.shtml>, under “claimant information”, click on “apply for unemployment insurance benefits”

Pennsylvania

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1050160&mode=2>

Virginia- <http://www.vec.virginia.gov/vecportal//index.cfm>, click on “I am unemployed” and file on-line

West Virginia

<https://www.wvuc.org/wvweb/welcome.aspx>

The second program offered by states is the One Stop Career Center system which may also be called America’s Job Centers. Here you can meet with people to help you update resumes, do job searches, apply for job training and similar services. To find a center near you:

Delaware

[https://joblink.delaware.gov/ada](https://joblink.delaware.gov/ada/)

District of Columbia [http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view,a,1232,q,537855,doesNav,|32062|.asp](http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view%2Ca%2C1232%2Cq%2C537855%2CdoesNav%2C%7C32062%7C.asp),

Click on “Dislocated workers unit”

Maryland- [http://www.dllr.state.md.us/county](http://www.dllr.state.md.us/county/)

Pennsylvania

Google “Pennsylvania CareerLink”

Virginia

<http://www.vec.virginia.gov/vecportal//index.cfm>, click on “I am looking for a job”

West Virginia

<http://www.wvcommerce.org/business/workforcewv/default.aspx>

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