Unemployment Compensation

What is unemployment compensation?

Unemployment compensation is a benefit available through the state to support you if you become unemployed. The benefit amount is usually around 50% of the weekly wages earned by an individual prior to filing a claim. It is a temporary benefit, meant to support an individual who loses unemployment through no fault of their own as they look for a new job.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Must have worked at least 20 weeks in covered unemployment during the base period (for most people this is the first four of the last five calendar quarters that they worked);
- Received an average weekly wage, before taxes and other deductions, of at least $269.00 during the base period;
- Became unemployed through no fault of your own, which includes lack of work (you were laid off, your job was eliminated, or the business closed) or quitting your job with just cause (e.g., employer violated terms of employment agreement, failed to provide proper safety measures, or violated accepted moral or legal standards); and
- Once application approved, fulfill continuing eligibility requirements.

How to apply?

- Apply for unemployment benefits as soon as you become unemployed.
- Apply 24/7 on the website for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS).
- Apply by phone Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by calling 1-877-644-6562 or

What do I do if I need help?

If you need help, you can call SEOLS. SEOLS can help people who have low incomes, veterans, seniors, and others.

FOR FREE HELP CONTACT:
Southeastern Ohio Legal Services
Call: (740) 594-3558 or Visit: www.seols.org/get-help