Unemployment Insurance Benefits

If you become totally/partially unemployed:
1. File your claim for benefits with the RI Dept. of Labor and Training (DLT) the same week you are unemployed or working reduced hours.
2. File your claim online at www.dlt.ri.gov/ui or by telephone at (401) 415-6772. Visit www.dlt.ri.gov/ui for hours of operation. For more information, visit www.dlt.ri.gov/ui or call (401) 415-6772.
3. Monday is a high-volume telephone day; you may prefer to file your claim later in the week. You will need your Social Security number and name, address and telephone numbers of your employers for the last two years. If you are not a U.S. citizen, your alien registration number is required.
4. To collect unemployment benefits, the law requires that you must:
   a. Be unemployed through no fault of your own,
   b. Have earned minimum qualifying wages while you were working,
   c. Be physically able to work, available for work and actively seeking work, and
d. Register for work with the RI Dept. of Labor and Training.
You are protected under provisions of the Rhode Island Employment Security Act and the Temporary Disability Insurance Act.

Employment and Training Services

If you need help finding a job:
The RI Dept. of Labor and Training offers free employment and training related services including:
1. Job referral and placement services.
2. Resource rooms with a wide range of employment and training resources.
3. Career counseling and testing to help assess aptitudes and interests.
4. Internet access for employment and training information.
5. Job Search workshops to help you develop interviewing skills.
6. Resume writing seminars to help you create an effective resume and cover letter.
Visit www.dlt.ri.gov to find a Career Center near you. You can also access many services on the Internet at www.employri.org.

Temporary Disability Insurance Benefits

Who is Eligible for TDI Benefits?
If you have become ill or injured and meet all of the following requirements, you may be entitled to receive benefits:
1. You are unemployed due to illness, surgery, or injury for a minimum of seven consecutive days or more,
2. You are under the care of an approved Qualified Health Care Provider,
3. You have a timely exam: an in-office physical exam the week within the calendar week in which the first day of unemployment due to sickness occurs or within the calendar week prior or subsequent thereto, and
4. You earned enough qualifying wages during the base period to be monetarily eligible.

Who is Eligible for Temporary Caregiver Insurance Benefits?
If you are caring for a seriously ill: child, spouse, parent, parent in-law, grandparent, domestic partner, or you are bonding with a newborn child, adopted child or foster child within the first 12 months of parenting; you may be eligible to receive benefits if you meet the following requirements:
1. You are unemployed because you are caring for a seriously ill family member or bonding with a child,
2. You provide the department with the required medical evidence of the seriously ill family member and your need to care for him/her or the required proof of parent child relationship for bonding claims, and
3. You earned enough in qualifying wages to be monetarily eligible.

How to Apply:
Complete a TDI/TCI application. TDI claims must be filed within 90 days of the first week out of work due to illness. The DLT Director may extend this period up to 26 weeks if the individual can show a good medical reason for the delay in filing. TCI claims must be filed within 30 days after the first day of leave is taken for reasons of bonding or caregiving. TDI/TCI application may be obtained online at www.dlt.ri.gov/tdi. Or call (401) 462-8420, Option #1 to request an application be mailed to you. For more information, visit www.dlt.ri.gov/tdi or call (401) 462-8420.

NOTE: You may be entitled to a refund of a portion of your contributions if during the calendar year TDI contributions were deducted from your pay by more than one employer. Information may be obtained regarding a refund by calling (401) 574-8700 or writing to the RI Division of Taxation, Employer Tax Section, One Capitol Hill, Suite 36, Providence, RI 02908-5829.
RULE 5
Posting of Notices

(Adopted under Section 28-44-38 of the Employment Security Act and Section 28-41-15 of the Temporary Disability Insurance Act)

Every employing unit in the State of Rhode Island shall post and maintain printed notices of such form and design and in such numbers containing such information as the Director, Department of Labor and Training, may determine to be necessary to administer the Employment Security Act and Temporary Disability Insurance Act. Such notices shall be posted in conspicuous places where the workers’ services are performed.

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