

PARTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

If you have been working full-time and your work hours have been reduced substantially, you may be eligible for partial unemployment benefits. While there is no clear definition of "sub-stancially reduced," a 25% reduction in work hours would probably be considered a substantial reduction.

If you apply for partial unemployment, you must be ready and willing to accept a job that will enable you to work full-time. This means that while you are receiving unemployment benefits, you must agree to look for and accept work that would provide full-time hours.

Important Considerations

- You must have been employed for a certain amount of time before you are eligible for unemployment benefits.
- If you have been court-ordered to pay child support, the Department of Revenue could intercept your benefits and apply them to the payment of your support.
- Unemployment benefits are taxable income.

Your Wage Transcript

If you decide to file for unemployment, you will receive a wage transcript within 7 to 14 days. If you are eligible for benefits, the wage transcript will show you your maximum benefit amount. If you disagree with any information on the wage transcript, you have appeal rights. You can call Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF) for assistance. In Orange County, you can call either CLSMF or the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association.

Where to Obtain an Unemployment Application & Learn More

For more information on unemployment benefits and to pick up an Unemployment Compensation application, visit the One-Stop Career Center nearest you. At the One-Stop Center, ask for a booklet called *Florida's Unemployment Compensation Claims Services*. This booklet can also be accessed by going to <http://www.floridajobs.org/unemployment/claimsservices/default.htm>, or you may contact a CLSMF office for a copy.



Internet Filing

The easiest and most efficient way to file an Unemployment Claim is on the Internet. You can do this by going to <http://www.myflorida.com>. Select *Unemployment/Reemployment* after clicking on *View e-Government Services*. It will take 30 minutes to an hour to complete the Internet claim.

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To locate your local legal aid or legal services office, please visit us on the web at

www.floridalawhelp.org

Your local legal aid or legal services office can be located through either the "Find Local Help" or "Directory" links at the top of the page.

If you don't have access to the internet, consult your local Directory Assistance for the number of the legal aid or legal services office nearest to you.

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**Appeal Rights for
Denial of Benefits**

If you are denied unemployment, you can appeal the decision. Immediately call your local legal services office.

One Stop Career Center

You can locate your nearest One Stop Career Center at:

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