## **Applying for New Mexico Unemployment Insurance Claim Benefits**

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Information needed to file your claim.
  - Social Security Number
  - Mailing address and phone number(s) of employer(s) you worked for in last 18 months
  - The starting and ending dates of your last job (or jobs if more then one employer in last 18 months)
  - If non-citizen have your alien registration number and expiration date
  - If you worked during the week you are filing your claim, be sure you know the gross amount (total dollars and cents before any deductions) of your pay before filing.
  - Pencil and paper to write down questions and instructions
- 2. To register with the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, you will click on <u>Claimant login</u>. (First go to: <u>www.uiclaims.state.nm.us</u> then select <u>Claimant Login</u> on the left side of the page.)

## Registering and Filing your claim will take at least 30 minutes!

If this is the first time, you will enter your social security number and select a personal identification number called your PIN. Your PIN must be (4) <u>numeric characters</u>. Also verify your PIN. You will then enter your mother's maiden name. Your mother's maiden name is necessary to verify your identity.

- 3. After registration, you will click on continue and then select  $\underline{\text{File Claim}}$  to begin the process of applying for benefits.
- 4. After applying for benefits and completing the requested information, you will be presented with confirmation page. Your confirmation page contains basic instructions about your claim. Print and read the confirmation page. It is your proof of filing a claim.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO FILING YOUR CLAIM

The Internet Unemployment Insurance On-Line Filing Claims System for applying for benefits is available 24 hours a day, except between 2:00 AM and 4:00 AM Mountain Time. In future, you may also use the Internet Unemployment Insurance On-Line Claims System to file your weekly claim (see Filing for weekly Unemployment Insurance Claims Benefits), respond to request for information, review and request benefit information and file appeals.

To file for Unemployment Insurance via the Internet you must first register with the Department of Workforce Solutions by entering your social security number, select a personal identification number(PIN) and also enter your mother's maiden name. Your mother's maiden name is necessary to verify your identity.

The effective date of your claim will be the Sunday of the week that you file. Do not delay applying for Unemployment Insurance Benefits. Once your claim is submitted you will be sent a *Notice of Initial Determination* which provides you with the following information:

- Your weekly and maximum benefit amounts.
- The beginning date of your claim.
- Your wages that are to be used for computing for UI Claims Benefits.
- The amounts of wages reported by each employer during each of the four specific quarters are used for computation of UI Benefits.

If you believe wages are listed incorrectly or some of your wages are missing, you must request to initiate a review of your records. If you did not request a review (Request for Reconsideration of Wages) at the time you filed your claim, you can initiate this request by contacting a Customer Service Representative @ (505) 841-4000. You will be asked to provide proof of wages, such as, check stubs, W-2 statements or other documents. You will be instructed to either mail or fax a copy of your documents to the Department.

You must continue to file for claim benefits while your wages are being reviewed unless you return to work. If you fail to file for claim benefits each week you will be required to re-open your case and may not be entitled for benefits during the week you did not file.

**The Unemployment Insurance On-Line Claims Systems** require you to enter a four-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Your PIN is your electronic signature and it will help protect you from another person obtaining information about your claim or filing against your claim.

BE SURE your PIN is easy to remember because you must use it each time you use the Internet or telephone, to file your weekly claim or inquire about your benefits. DO NOT use numbers in a sequence (such as 1234) or numbers in the same sequence (such as 1111 or 2222). NEVER tell anyone your PIN because you are responsible for its use. You should not use any part of your social security number, telephone number or any numbers that could be easily guessed.

If you forget your PIN, when inquiring about your claim or filing your weekly certifications, you will have to establish a new PIN before you can continue. You will have to speak to a Customer Service Representative @ (505) 841-4000. You may also send a request in writing to delete your PIN. If writing, you must provide information to identify yourself, name, social security number, birth date and your signature.

GUARD YOUR PIN

All activity on your claim requires the use of your PIN - You will be held responsible.

**Your PIN is your Electronic Signature!** 

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