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## Unemployment Benefits

*Below you will find links to resources about unemployment benefits. Additionally, you can find information on how to seek aid from a lawyer, if needed. Some areas of the state have more information than others. You may wish to look at information from other areas as well as your own.*

## **Legal Information:**

### A Guide to the Unemployment Process in Tennessee (COVID-19 Help)

This is information provided by the Arts and Business Council of Greater Nashville in response to the impact of COVID-19 and business closures.

### Frequently Asked Questions

Unemployment Insurance: Tennessee Department of Labor's Frequently Asked Questions

### Tennessee Unemployment Benefits - Claimant Services

Unemployment Insurance (UI) is a benefit program funded by Tennessee employers for workers who have lost their job when it is not their fault. This resource from the state of Tennessee can provide more information on how to apply for unemployment benefits along with additional information.

### Unemployment Appeals

If you applied for unemployment benefits and were denied, you have the right to file an appeal. Find more information on how to appeal an agency decision from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development in the above link.

### Unemployment Insurance Claimants Frequently Asked Questions

Find answers to your questions about unemployment insurance by clicking the link above and visiting the TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development's website.

### Unemployment Pay: Can you get it? What can you do if they turn you down?

## Compensación por desempleo: ¿Puede recibirla? ¿Qué puede hacer si rechazan su solicitud?

This resource will provide information on how to apply for unemployment insurance. Additionally, if your application has been denied, it will also let you know how to appeal that decision. This booklet is provided by the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland. This information is available in both English and Spanish.

## **Unemployment Benefits for Self-Employed Workers**

### Self-Employed Workers

Eligibility information for self-employed workers provided by the Tennessee Department of Labor

## **Unemployment Benefits for Service Members**

Is your husband or wife in the military? Did you have to quit your job to move when he/she got transferred? Then you can get unemployment!

¿Su esposo o esposa está en las fuerzas armadas? ¿Tuvo que dejar su trabajo para mudarse cuando lo/la transfirieron? ¡Entonces puede recibir compensación por desempleo!

The above guide will help learn more about how to apply for unemployment insurance in the case of a military transfer. This booklet was created by the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland. This information is available in English as well as Spanish.

### Unemployment Compensation: Special Rules for Servicemembers

Former active duty military personnel and spouses of military members may qualify for unemployment compensation. To learn more about if you are eligible, click the link above.

## **Forms**

### Standard Court Forms for all of Tennessee

This resource contains standard court forms that are approved for all counties of Tennessee. If you need help filing one of these forms, you can ask a lawyer in your area.

## **Legal Advice:**

### TN Free Legal Answers

If you are in Tennessee, the website, Free Legal Answers, allows you to ask a lawyer for help with a legal issue at no cost. It is fast and easy, and all you need is a computer. This is a FREE service for people who cannot afford a lawyer.

How it works:

- You will answer a few questions to see if you qualify for their service. If you qualify, you will have the option to create an account.
- If you are eligible, you can ask their volunteer attorneys a non-criminal legal question.
- Once your question receives a response, you will get an email. You will need to sign into the website to read your response and ask any additional questions.


Visit <https://tn.freelegalanswers.org/> to sign up.

## Find Representation:

### Statewide Directory

The Statewide Directory provides information regarding Legal Aid Attorneys and other agencies by county in Tennessee.

Still need assistance? Please speak to a librarian at your local library – they may have additional resources to assist you.

 [Step-by-Step Instructions to File for Unemployment](#)

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