

REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY CHECKER



Do I qualify for regular unemployment benefits?	YES	NO
1. Did you earn at least \$1,288 in your “base period”? Your base period is the first four of the last five or the last four completed calendar quarters before the week you apply for benefits.		
2. Did you work at least 4 months in South Dakota sometime in the last 18 months?		
3. Are you able to work? Able to work means you are mentally and physically able to work.		
4. Are you available for work? Available to work means you are able to work without restrictions that would prevent you from accepting work (for example: transportation issues, illness, vacations, or lack of family/childcare).		
5. Were you laid off due to no fault of your own?		
6. Were you discharged from the military in the last 18 months?		
7. None of these statements apply to me. If none apply, select Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was fired and it was my fault. • I am on strike from my employer. • I am on a leave of absence from my job. • I voluntarily quit my job without good cause. • I am still working. 		

Not everyone who is unemployed qualifies for benefits. Claim eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis because individual facts and circumstances must be considered.

If you answered **Yes** to MOST of these questions: You may qualify for regular unemployment benefits; however, this checklist does not ensure eligibility. Apply for benefits as soon as possible, and we will review your application to determine if you qualify. **To avoid mistakes, read the information at [RAClaims.sd.gov](https://www.dlr.sd.gov/RAClaims.sd.gov) before applying. Be sure to check out [Things to Know Before You file a Claim for Benefits](#).**

If you answered **No** to MOST of these questions: You might not qualify for regular benefits but might qualify for expanded benefits under the federal CARES Act during the COVID-19 pandemic. Complete the checklist on the next page to see if you could be eligible.

Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. State and federal laws require the Department of Labor and Regulation to provide services to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, ancestry, national origin, or disability.

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Do I qualify for expanded unemployment benefits related to the COVID-19 pandemic?	YES	NO
1. Are you out of work or working less than normal because of COVID-19?		
2. Were you recently denied for unemployment because you hadn't earned \$1,288?		
3. Did you work, but less than 4 months in South Dakota in the past 18 months?		
4. Did you receive a medical diagnosis for COVID-19?		
5. Are you showing symptoms of COVID-19 and are either waiting for results of a test or seeking medical attention?		
6. Have you been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or do you have a compromised immune system AND a medical provider has told you to stay home?		
7. Are you caring for a family member or dependent who has COVID-19?		
8. Do you have a family member or dependent who is diagnosed with or has tested positive for COVID-19?		
9. Were you scheduled to start work and do not have a job as a result of COVID-19?		
10. Have you become the major support for your household because the head of the household died as a direct result of COVID-19?		
11. Have you had to quit your job because of COVID-19 because the illness left you with severe health complications and you are no longer able to perform the essential job functions with or without a reasonable accommodation?		
12. Has your child's school been closed and you are unable to find child care?		
13. Is your workplace closed because of an official order or a case of COVID-19, and you are unable to work from home?		
14. Are you self-employed, an independent contractor, a nonprofit employee or a gig economy workers?		
15. None of these statements apply to me. If none apply, select Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I quit my job for reasons unrelated to COVID-19. • I quit my job just to collect unemployment benefits. • I am currently receiving vacation leave, sick leave or paid time off. • I can work from home but am choosing not to. 		

If you answered **Yes** to ANY questions 1-14, and **YES** to question 15, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic; however, this checklist does not ensure eligibility. If you answered **No** to ALL of these questions, you might not be eligible. If you think you are eligible under the expanded benefits, please apply at RAClaims.sd.gov.

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