



## REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

### BENEFITS AND ELIGIBILITY

Reemployment assistance provides financial assistance for people who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. It is intended to provide a temporary source of income while you look for work. Reemployment assistance benefits are financed entirely by an employer paid tax.

DLR Division of Reemployment Assistance can determine if you are eligible for benefits. Please visit [raclaims.sd.gov](https://raclaims.sd.gov) or contact the Call Center at 605.626.3179 to determine your eligibility.

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is determined for a specific individual under specific situations. To be eligible to receive reemployment assistance benefits, you must:

- File an application for benefits.
- Be totally or partially unemployed.
- Have worked for an employer who paid taxes on your wages.
- Have lost your job through no fault of your own.
- Have earned a certain amount of wages in the last 12 to 18 months.
- Register for work with the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.
- Be able to work, be available for work, and be actively seeking work.
- Be willing to accept suitable work when offered or referred.

### HOW TO FILE

To open a new or reopen an existing claim, call the South Dakota Reemployment Assistance Call Center at 605.626.3179 (Speech-and hearing-impaired applicants may call 800.877.1113) or visit [raclaims.sd.gov](https://raclaims.sd.gov).

### IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- You must be a U.S. citizen, registered alien, or have permission to work in the United States and be prepared to document your status.
- South Dakota will withhold child support from your weekly benefits if ordered by the court.
- Reemployment assistance benefits are taxable. You will receive an IRS form 1099 which specifies the amount of benefits you received during the tax year.
- Many factors can affect a claim for reemployment assistance benefits. Your specific situation may be different from your co-workers. Please check with the Reemployment Assistance Customer Service at 605.626.2452 for assistance.

### CLAIMANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve a non-paid waiting week – first eligible calendar week after filing a claim for benefits.
- Must be able and available for work.
- Must conduct an active work search.
- Be willing to accept suitable work.
- File a weekly request for benefit payment by telephone or [dlr.sd.gov](https://dlr.sd.gov).
- Report any earnings.

## **BENEFIT AMOUNTS**

South Dakota reemployment assistance benefits range between \$28 and \$466 per week. Eligibility requires a minimum amount of earnings in a “base period.” This period is the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters prior to filing the claim. Your claim is based on wages paid from an employer who has paid taxes on your wages. The specific weekly amount is determined by a formula that considers the wages earned during each quarter of the base period.

Workers who cannot establish a claim using the current base period may use an alternative base period. The alternative base period uses the last four completed quarters.

## **DELAYS OR REDUCTIONS**

Benefits may be delayed or reduced by an employer payment of:

- Vacation pay
- Termination pay (including sick leave paid at termination)
- Severance pay
- Wages in lieu of notice
- Similar payments

Wages earned each week of a claim:

- First \$25 not counted
- 75% of wages over \$25 deducted
- No payment if wages exceed weekly benefit amount

## **APPEAL RIGHTS**

If you disagree with determinations made concerning your claim, you may file an appeal. The Reemployment Assistance Appeals Section at 605.626.2310 will be able to assist you with the process.