

# NEW JERSEY DISABILITY DURING UNEMPLOYMENT



Cash benefits for those who are unable to work due to a health condition or pregnancy/childbirth, and haven't been employed recently and/or are collecting unemployment benefits

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Disability During Unemployment combines the Temporary Disability and Unemployment Insurance programs.

**You may be eligible for Disability During Unemployment if you become unable to work more than 14 days after your last day of covered NJ employment, due to:**

- a physical or mental illness, injury (non-work related) or scheduled surgery
- pregnancy and/or childbirth recovery, or a related serious condition
- an underlying health condition that makes you high risk for COVID-19, as certified by a healthcare provider

## Most New Jersey workers qualify

**To be eligible in 2022, you must:**

- have New Jersey covered earnings of at least \$12,000 total or \$240 weekly for 20 weeks total in the 18 months prior to the start of your claim; and
- meet all requirements for Unemployment Insurance – except that you are unable to work due to your own health condition or pregnancy/childbirth recovery.

It's likely you've met the minimum earnings requirement if you were approved for Unemployment or Family Leave During Unemployment, provided all wages on your claim were in New Jersey and covered for Temporary Disability Insurance

## Receive up to 60% of your average wages, up to \$804 per week for 2022

Benefits are paid for full calendar weeks, Sunday through Saturday. If you had another Unemployment Insurance or Family Leave During Unemployment claim within the benefit year, you'll typically receive the same benefit rate as that claim.

## Receive up to 26 weeks of benefits

You can claim Disability During Unemployment benefits for up to 26 weeks in a 12-month period, provided an approved healthcare provider certifies you are unable to work.

If transitioning from an Unemployment or Family Leave During Unemployment claim, the maximum amount you can collect **total** (Unemployment, Family Leave During Unemployment, and Disability During Unemployment combined) is 1.5 times the maximum benefit amount on your initial claim.

### EXAMPLE

Sarah was collecting Unemployment benefits and is now applying for Temporary Disability. Her Unemployment approval notice shows a maximum benefit of \$10,000. If Sarah is approved for Disability During Unemployment, the most she can collect from Unemployment and Disability During Unemployment **combined**, is \$15,000 (1.5 times the maximum benefit amount of her Unemployment claim).



## Apply for benefits online at [myleavebenefits.nj.gov/unemployed](https://myleavebenefits.nj.gov/unemployed)

You can start the online application process up to 60 days in advance and save it as a draft. When your disability period begins, return to your draft within 14 days to certify and submit your application. If applying after your disability period begins, file your application within 30 days from your first day of disability. Once your completed application is received, allow four to six weeks to approve your claim and pay your benefits.

Learn about how you'll be paid at [myleavebenefits.nj.gov/unemployed](https://myleavebenefits.nj.gov/unemployed)

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### For further assistance



**T: 609-292-3349 / 609-292-3842**

MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**F: 609-292-9209**



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Hearing-impaired individuals may inquire about their claim via the Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD): **609-292-8319**, or the NJ Relay Service at **1-800-852-7899**.



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