

With almost 25,000 unemployment claims filed in the month of April, Hawaii is among the states economically hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. The State's overburdened unemployment system has implemented several changes and programs to help with the processing and payout of claims. Nevertheless, the State still has a long way to go as only 40% of all claims have been paid out to date.

Here are a few steps you can take to ensure a clean submission and timely processing of your claim.

SUBMITTING THE PERFECT CLAIM

The State uses an automated system to validate your submission. It is important to submit accurate and complete information in order for your claim to be processed in a timely manner. If any information does not match, the system will reject your application and it will be assigned to a Case Manager for manual review. This process can take up to 2 weeks. The two biggest errors the State has seen so far are:

- (1) Incorrect Employment Start Date
- (2) Incorrect Reason for Separation

To ensure proper and quick processing of your claim, please reach out to your current/former employer to ensure you have the right information.

If your company is in a PEO (co-employment) relationship with Makai HR, ProService, Altres, ADP Total Source, or another HR Outsourcing company, you will need to list more than one employer on your application:

- (1) Your Employer's Legal Name + Dates of Employment when your company was NOT in a PEO relationship
- (2) The name of the PEO your company contracted with + Dates of Employment when your company was contracted with the PEO.

CORRECTING A SUBMITTED APPLICATION

Unfortunately, the only way you can update your information is by calling the Unemployment Office. When you are able to get through, make sure you have the information listed above ready.

Again, if your company is (or was) in a PEO (co-employment) relationship with an HR Outsourcing company, you will need treat your company's time with the PEO as if you were employed by a separate company.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT OFICE

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Oahu: 808.586.8970 Hilo: 808.974.4086 Kona: 808.322.4822 Maui: 808.984.8400 Kauai: 808.274.3043

DISOUALIFIED IN ERROR?

If you received an email, letter or other message (or website notification) that says you are disqualified from Unemployment benefits, please email the following information to dlir.ui.disqualified@hawaii.gov:

Full Name

Last 4 Digits of your Social Security #
Telephone Number (w/ Area Code)
Screenshot of your Disqualification

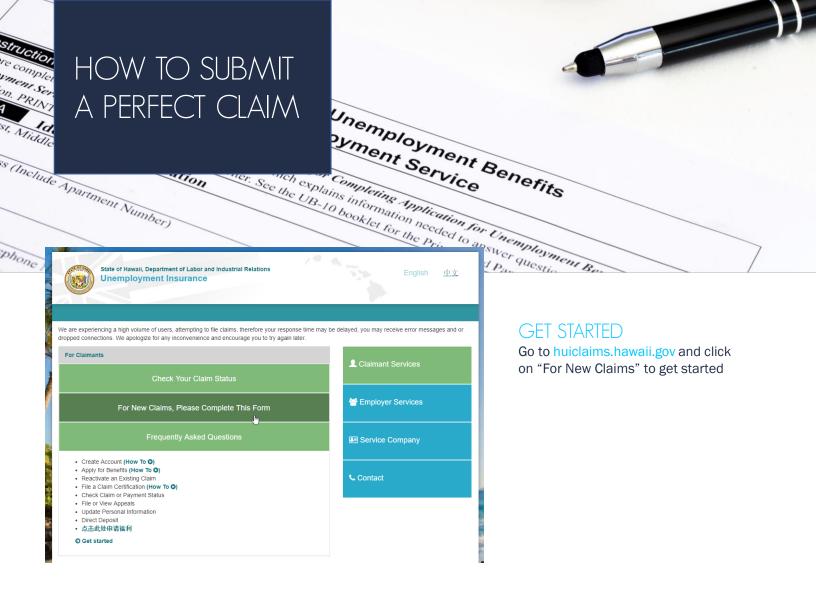
BACKDATING YOUR CLAIM

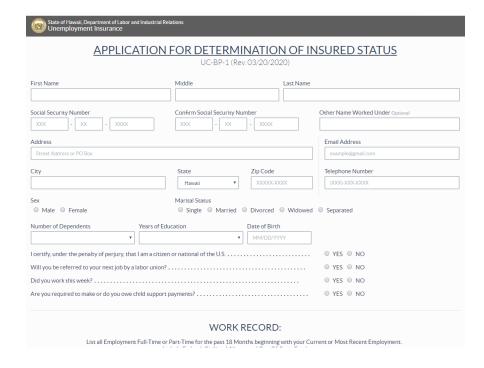
In Governor Ige's first Proclamation, he waived the first week eligibility "waiting period" for unemployment benefits. If you would like to backdate your claim to include your first week of unemployment, please email the following information to dlir.ui.backdate@hawaii.gov:

Full Name

Last 4 Digits of your Social Security #
Telephone Number (w/ Area Code)

Requested week to backdate your claim to





PERSONAL INFORMATION

Complete this section with your current information. Make sure every field is accurate and complete.





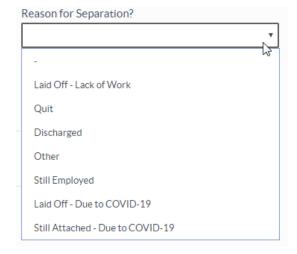
LIST YOUR EMPLOYERS

Remember, if your company contracted with a PEO (such as Makai HR, ProService, Altres, ADP Total Source) in the last 18 months, you will need to list the time period with the PEO as a separate employer.

For example, your employer (ABC Company) joined Makai HR on September 15, 2019. You started working at ABC Company on October 10, 2018. My employment dates would be as follows:

- 10/10/2018 to 9/14/2019: ABC Company
- 9/15/2019 to Present: Makai HR

If you worked for multiple companies at the same time, please list all employers.



REASON FOR SEPARATION

Laid Off – Lack of Work

If you were laid off (meaning you were terminated) as a result of COVID-19 and the current "Stay at Home" Order, do NOT choose this option. Choose Laid Off –

Due to COVID-19.

Quit You resigned from your job.

Discharged You were involuntarily let go due to performance.

Other Only choose if your reason for separation is not listed.

These claims will take longer to process.

Still Employed If you are still employed but not working OR working

fewer hours due to temporary furlough or reduced hours due to COVID-19, do NOT choose this option.

Choose Still Attached - Due to COVID-19.

Laid Off – Due to COVID-19

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Order, choose this option.

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If you are still employed but not working OR working fewer hours due to temporary furlough or reduced

19 hours, choose this option.