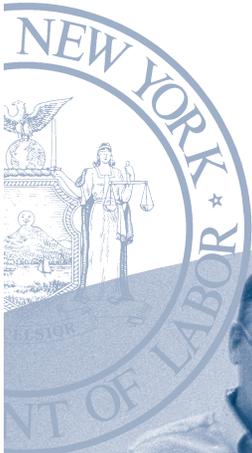


# Unemployment Insurance Benefits & Training Attendance



## Can You Answer “Yes” to the Following Questions?

- Are you receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits?
- Are you currently attending, or are you interested in attending, a school or a training program?

If you answered yes . . .

There is a provision in the Unemployment Insurance Law that allows UI recipients to collect benefits while attending a training course or program.

The training must be approved by the Department of Labor. When training has been approved under this provision, UI recipients are excused from the requirement to look for work. They may also be eligible for additional weeks of benefits when funding is available.

## Approval Requirements

In order for the training to be approved, certain requirements must be met. These include but are not limited to the following basic requirements. The training program must:

- consist of a minimum of 12 classroom hours or 12 credit hours per week
- be completed within 24 months
- enhance your ability to obtain more long-term employment.

## How to Apply

If you noted on your UI application that you are attending or have been accepted to a training program, you will be contacted by a representative of the Department of Labor. The representative will review your course or program for possible approval.

If you are currently receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits and are interested in attending training, you should contact your local One-Stop Career Center as soon as possible to receive the maximum benefits allowed under this program. For a list of One-Stop Career Center locations, go to our website [www.labor.ny.gov](http://www.labor.ny.gov), click on “Looking for a Job,” and on “One-Stop Career Center.”

Trained counselors at the One-Stop Career Center will help you develop a training plan, identify approvable training programs, and assist you with the 599 Program application process. You should ask for information about the 599 Program.

## Don’t Delay

If you delay telling the Department of Labor about training acceptance or attendance, there may be fewer additional benefits available to you. Also, if you do not tell us about attendance in training while receiving benefits, you could be penalized or lose future benefits.

## Additional Unemployment Insurance Benefits

If your training is approved, you may be eligible for up to a maximum of 26 weeks of additional benefits while in training. These benefits are in addition to regular unemployment and any emergency or extended benefits being paid at the time you are collecting benefits. Check our web site at [www.labor.ny.gov](http://www.labor.ny.gov) for up-to-date information on emergency or extended benefit programs.

Approval does not guarantee that you will receive additional benefits, or that your additional benefits will last until the end of your training.

To receive additional Unemployment Insurance benefits, you must be approved and funding for additional benefits must be available.



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