Unemployment Insurance for Part-Time Faculty

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Are You Eligible For Unemployment?

• Yes
  • Part-time faculty are at-will, temporary employees;
  • Part-time faculty are contracted on a semester by semester basis and do not earn compensation between semesters;
  • Assignments are subject to funding, enrollment, and FT loads
  • So even with a tentative assignment, you do not have a reasonable assurance of returning to work (Cervisi, 1989).
Meeting Eligibility Requirements

- **Individuals must:**
  - Have received enough wages during the base period to establish a claim.
  - Be totally or partially unemployed.
  - Be unemployed through **no fault of his/her own**.
  - Be physically able to work.
  - Be available for work which means to be ready and willing to immediately accept work.
  - Be actively looking for work.
  - Meet eligibility requirements each week benefits are claimed.
Applying

- Apply on the day of your last final exam even though you haven’t received your final paycheck.
- There is a one-week waiting period after you apply (an EDD week is Sunday – Saturday).
- Apply online at: www.edd.ca.gov
Reporting Wages

- For UI purposes, a week begins on Sunday and ends the following Saturday. Whether you have been paid or not, report the total gross wages for your regular pay for the hours worked in the last week you worked, beginning with Sunday and ending with your last day of work.

For example, if the last day you worked was Thursday, you would report wages earned from Sunday through Thursday. See the chart below:

- To calculate your total gross wages for your last week of work, multiply your hourly rate of pay by the total hours you worked from Sunday through the last day you worked (add piece work pay for that week, if applicable).
Applying

- If you work at two or more districts, you do not have to wait until the end of the semester of both schools
  - File the day after your last final at the first district; then, after each district’s last final—this is referred to as Under-Employment

- You will need to know:
  - Your hourly rate
  - District Calendars: Make sure start and stop dates for your work are exact! If you report the wrong dates, you can be penalized because EDD checks with the district(s).

- On the EDD website, read the section “Apply for UI Benefits” to help you gather all the materials you need.
Click on these sections

Once you’re done reading, click here to start applying
Filling out the Form Online...
Unemployment Insurance Application Questions

Answer the following questions to determine which Unemployment Insurance application is best for you:

1. Did you work in a state other than California during the last 18 months?
   - Yes
   - No

2. Have you applied for unemployment insurance benefits in another state or Canada during the last 12 months?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Did your employer or union give you a claim form for unemployment insurance benefits?
   - Yes
   - No

- Notice of Reduced Earnings, DE 2063
- Notice of Reduced Earnings (Fisherperson), DE 2063F
- Pacific Maritime Association Partial Evidence of Payment Form, PMA 2063
- Payment Certification (Work Sharing), DE 4581WS
- Initial Claim and Payment Certification (Work Sharing Employer), DE 4511WS

Note: The answers you give to the questions on the application must be true and correct. You may be subject to penalties if you make a false statement or withhold information.

Continue
Answer the following questions to determine which Unemployment Insurance application is best for you:

4. Did you serve in the military during the last 18 months?  
   - Yes  - No

5. Did you work for an agency of the federal government during the last 18 months?  
   - Yes  - No

6. Are you currently present in California?  
   - Yes  - No

7. Have you filed an Unemployment Insurance Claim in California in the last 12 months?  
   - Yes  - No

Note: The answers you give to the questions on the application must be true and correct. You may be subject to penalties if you make a false statement or withhold information.
Employment Information (Part 1 of 2)

1. Information about your very last employer:
   1a. Name of Last Employer
   Mailing Address:
   1b. Number and Street / P.O. Box and Number
   1c. City
   1d. State
   1e. ZIP Code
   1f. Telephone Number of Last Employer
   1g. What is the full name (first and last) of the person who was your immediate supervisor?

2. Is the location or physical address of your very last employer the same as their mailing address?

3. Last Date Worked

4. What are your gross wages for your last week of work (regular pay only)?

For UI purposes, a week begins on Sunday and ends the following Saturday. Whether you have been paid or not, report your total gross wages for your regular pay for the hours worked in the last week you worked, beginning with Sunday and ending with your last day of work as reported in question 3.

Message from webpage:
Provide the name of the employer -- company name -- that you worked for most recently, regardless of the length of time you worked for that employer or whether or not you have been paid. If you worked today (the day you are applying for unemployment insurance benefits), you should indicate the name of the employer you worked for today. If you had more than one employer and worked today for both employers, you should indicate the name of the employer you worked for last during the day.

Note: If you worked for IHSS (In Home Supportive Services), the welfare recipient for whom you provided the in-home supportive service is your employer, not the county. Also, if you were self-employed, the employer prior to your self-employment is the last employer.
Not your department chair. Should be an administrator.

This is the reason. BRIEF explanation!
5. Reason No Longer Working: Laid Off/Lack of Work

5a. Please provide a brief explanation (Maximum 150 characters):

end of semester

6. If you received, or if you expect to receive, any payments from your very last employer or any other employer other than your regular salary, report the payment below. **Help**

6a. □ Holiday Pay

6b. □ Vacation Pay

6c. □ Severance Pay **Help**

6d. □ In-Lieu-Of-Notice Pay

6e. □ Other Pay **Help**

6f. Please explain Other Pay, if any (Maximum 150 characters):

   ▼

   150 characters left
Correct the following error(s) below. For a detailed error message, move the mouse cursor over the error icon.

Provide your employment history for the past 18 months, including your very last employer. If you worked for a temporary agency, a labor contractor, an agent for actors, or an employer where wages are reported under a corporate name, your wages may have been reported under that employer name. You may want to refer to your check stub(s) or W-2(s) to obtain the name of your employer.

**Note:** Failure to report all employers, periods of employment, and total wages may result in your benefits being delayed or denied. Provide as much accurate information as possible for each employer.

1. Employer Information
   a. Employer Name
   b. Mailing Address
   c. City
   d. State
   e. ZIP Code
   f. First day you worked for this employer
   g. Last day you worked for this employer
   h. Did you work full time or part time?
   i. How much did you earn per hour?
   j. How many hours did you work per week?
   k. Provide wages earned from the employer listed above for the following quarters:

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<th>Employer Name</th>
<th>City</th>
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<th>First Day</th>
<th>Last Day</th>
<th>Full Time/Part Time</th>
<th>Hours Worked</th>
<th>Gross Wages Earned</th>
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1-2. Did you work for another employer in the last 18 months?  Yes  No
Base Wages

- **Wages to Establish a Claim**
  Employers report wages to the Department for each employee. The department uses this information to decide if an individual earned enough wages in a base period to establish a UI claim. A base period is a specific 12-month period. For example, if a claimant files a claim that begins in April, May, or June, the claim is calculated based on wages paid to the claimant between January 1 and December 31 of the prior year.

- The minimum weekly benefit amount is $40 and the maximum weekly benefit amount is $450. For more information about how the Department calculates a UI claim, review, *How Unemployment Benefits are Computed (DE 8714AB)*, *A Guide to Benefits and Employment Services (DE 1275A)*, and the *California Employer’s Guide (DE 44)*.
Determining Benefit
Must have earned at least $1300 in one quarter

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<th>Your base period is the prior 12 months, ending the last day of:</th>
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The diagram below reflects the same information as above.

![Diagram showing base periods and filing months]

*If you are applying at the end of Spring 2013 semester, you will need total earnings from ALL jobs going back to Jan. 1, 2012.*
Report Any Wages You Are Earning

You must report your gross wages (before your taxes are taken out) for each week you work and certify for benefits, even if you don’t get paid until later. Be sure to accurately report on all earnings during your weekly claim certification. If you collect more UI benefits than you are eligible for because you fail to report earnings, you may be committing fraud and may be prosecuted.
This is VERY IMPORTANT! You do NOT have “reasonable assurance” that you will return to work.

3. In the past 18 months, which employer did you work for the longest?
   3a. How long did you work for that employer?
   3b. What type of business did that employer operate? (For example: retail furniture sales, legal services, software manufacturing, road construction, etc.)
   3c. What kind of work did you do for that employer?

4. Are you currently working for or do you expect to work for any school or educational institution or a public or nonprofit employer performing school-related work?
   If Yes:
   4a. Are you returning to work for the next school session?
   4b. Has your employer given you reasonable assurance, either verbal, written, or implied, of returning to work for the next school session?
Reasonable Assurance? NO!

Cervisi Decision


The *Cervisi* decision states, “an assignment that is contingent on enrollment, funding, or program changes is not a ‘reasonable assurance’ of employment.”
The purpose of this question is to determine if you belong to a union that controls your hiring. You do not.
Additional Information

1. In the past 2 years did you file a claim for Unemployment Insurance (UI) or Disability Insurance (DI)?
   If Yes: provide the most recent type(s) of claim(s) and date(s)

   - Claim Type
   - Month
   - Year

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2. Are you receiving, or will you receive in the next year, a pension other than Social Security or Railroad Retirement, which is based on your own work or wages?

3. Are you receiving or do you expect to receive Workers’ Compensation? [Help]

4. Are you currently attending or are you planning to attend school or training?

5. Are you now or have you been in the last 18 months an officer of a corporation or union or the sole or major stockholder of a corporation?

6. Did you serve as elected public official or Governor-exempt appointee in the last 18 months?

7. If the EDD finds that you do not have sufficient wages in the Standard Base Period to establish a valid UI claim, do you want to attempt to establish a claim using the Alternative Base Period?
If you are Receiving a Pension

Some pensions are deductible from UI benefits. If you are receiving a pension other than Social Security, Railroad Retirement, or a pension based on another person's work or wages, you may have to repay UI benefits received, if the pension payments are for the same time period. A determination interview may be needed to determine if your pension payments are deductible.
eApply4UI - Application for Unemployment Insurance

Application Review

ALERT! Your application for unemployment insurance has not yet been submitted!

To submit it, you must click on the Submit Application button at the bottom of the page. Before clicking the “Submit” button, please review your entries for accuracy and completeness. If changes are needed, click the Edit Application button, the title for the section, or the appropriate step and make any required changes before returning here.

After you submit your application, you will receive the Confirmation page which will have a confirmation number. This number is your proof of submission.

Applicant Information

Social Security Number (SSN) or EDD Client Number (ECN) 571-82-****

Did the Social Security Administration issue this SSN to you? Yes

If you have used any other Social Security Numbers, please list them

Date of Birth 05/09/1977  Gender: Female

Claimant Name First Name CTA Middle Initial Last Name REYNOLDS

Is this the name that appears on your social security card? Yes

If you have used any other names, please list them

Do you have a state-issued Driver's License or ID card? Yes

If Yes:

Name of issuing state or entity CA  Driver's License or ID Number C5123456

Preferred spoken language? English  Preferred written language? English
- Review
-- Print
--- Submit

- Print a copy of the online form for your records and to refer to in any future correspondence with EDD.

- Remember, there is a one week waiting period for which you will not receive benefits. That one week always begins the Sunday after you file.
Now What? Process

• You will receive a Notice of Unemployment Insurance Claim Filed in the mail:
  ▫ Check that the information is correct; you have 10 days to make any corrections.

• You will also receive a “Notice of Unemployment” Insurance Award. This notice will have:
  ▫ the beginning and ending dates of your claim,
  ▫ the maximum benefit amount you are entitled to,
  ▫ the weekly amount you will receive.
Now What? Phone Interview

• This is standard practice
• You will receive a notice for the date and time of your phone interview; this is standard practice
  ▫ A list of questions is provided on the back of the notice.
  ▫ Keep your answers short!
  ▫ Do NOT Lie—be honest and concise
  ▫ Remember – you are not on semester break or recess; you simply don’t have a job
• DO NOT JUST MISS IT! If you know that you will not be available, call EDD and let them know.
Now What? Denials

- If you are denied benefits, you have 20 days to appeal.
- Possible Reasons:
  - EDD was told by the employer that you would be returning the following semester.
  - Some dates on your form were not accurate.
- Remember Cervisi!
- Most claims are won at the first stage of appeal.
Unemployment benefits

• “I wish to appeal the determination to deny benefits based on the Cervisi Decision (Cervisi v. Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board-208 Cal. App. 3d 635; Cal. Rptr. 142 Feb. 1989) and the following grounds: I am a temporary hourly employee laid off because of lack of work. When I am employed, I am paid on an hourly basis. Any assignment I receive is contingent on funding, enrollment, and program changes. Consequently, as a temporary employee without an actual or implied contract, I do not have reasonable assurance of continued employment and am eligible for unemployment benefits.”

• Also send a copy of the Cervisi Decision with your appeal.
Unemployment benefits

The Appeal Hearing:

• A copy of your appointment letter or load sheet for the present semester
• Copies of offers of prior employment, which are useful because they demonstrate that appointment letters or load sheets usually go out at a late date and aid in establishing the uncertainty of your reappointment
• Any documents or letters you might get from the department chair, other faculty, or the campus administration indicating the uncertainty of funding and/or enrollment levels for the coming semester
• Evidence that you have attempted to secure teaching work during this period of employment such as letters or records of phone calls to other departments or colleges.
Now What? Reopening a Claim

• Once your claim is approved, it is open for a year from your date of submission or until you have exhausted the full benefit award.
  ▫ You can reopen it to receive benefits during subsequent semester breaks (summer or winter).
  ▫ Spring Break is NOT a semester break, so it does not qualify for EDD benefits.
  ▫ Follow the instructions on the EDD website to reopen an existing claim.
Now What? Receiving Benefits

• You will receive a debit card
  ▫ Any earnings per week must be submitted; follow the instructions with the debit card.
• When you return to work, and the amount of your pay is larger than your benefits, you can stop filling out the claim form.
  • As long as your benefits are more than your pay, you can continue to collect unemployment. This is considered Under-employment.
Under-Employment

- Under-employment occurs when you receive Unemployment because of reduced workload.
  - For instance, if you taught three classes in Fall, but only teach one in Spring, you can continue receiving your benefits by:
    - Filling out and returning the bi-weekly form and putting down the actual hours worked.
    - Those earnings will be deducted from your weekly benefit amount and if they are less than the benefit amount, you will receive the difference.
  - You can receive Under-employment until your total award for the year is used up.
Help is on the way!

- Keep unemployment records together, from the date the claim opens to the date it closes.
- Keep all records in chronological order. This will help you if you are denied and need to appeal.
- **CCA Information**
  - [cca4me.org](http://cca4me.org):
    - click on “Issues & Action”
    - click on “Part-time Issues”
- **If you are denied benefits**
  - Contact your CTA Primary Contact Staff for assistance.
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