

Access to Unemployment Insurance

Workers may apply for Unemployment Insurance three different ways:

- **Online**, www.edd.ca.gov on the tab or section to File or Manage a Claim, http://www.edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/Ways_to_File.htm and select “eApply4UI” (eApply4UI (<https://eapply4ui.edd.ca.gov/>)) to file a new claim and apply for UI benefits. This feature is available 24/7.
- **By phone**: workers may call 800-300-5616 between 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday, to file a claim over the phone.
- **In person**: Workers may come into the America’s Job Center, 2901 N. Ventura Rd, 3rd Floor, Oxnard, CA 93036, 805-204-5171. Applicants may use either the phones or computers in the resource center to file the claim, and also see someone to help find new employment.

Also very importantly:

- **File your claim as soon as possible**: Anyone who has lost work should apply right away, and specifically ask that their claim begin the first day they were unemployed.
- **Do mention the fires**: When anyone files for Unemployment Insurance, they should be sure to note that they are out of work due to the fire.
- **For business owners**: Business owners are encouraged to go to the Poinsettia Pavilion, where there is a Local Assistance Center with various agencies
- **Contact EDC-VC’s Small Business Development Center**: For technical assistance in business recovery planning, access to capital, sales and marketing strategies, and virtually every issue pertaining to business sustainability and growth, contact our Small Business Development Center:

EDC-VC Small Business Development Center

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