

# Laid off? Here's what to do.

## SYSTEM CHANGE Nov. 2–9

**Already collecting?** Certify before 4:30 p.m. ET Monday, Nov. 2, even if it isn't your usual day.

The new system, MiUI, is scheduled to open 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9. Submit any missed certification then, and keep doing work searches. **Starting Nov. 9, certify every week in MiUI.**

## 1 File and register

File online at [Michigan.gov/UIA](https://Michigan.gov/UIA). Your employer's UIA 1711 notice has the details you'll need.

Unless UIA waived it, create a job seeker profile at [MiTalent.org](https://MiTalent.org). Michigan Works! must verify it at least one business day before you first certify.

## 2 Report any earnings

Working during your layoff, like snow work? Report your gross earnings (before deductions) for the week you did the work, even if you haven't been paid yet.

### Coming back soon?

Back within 45 days? Your employer may have requested a work search waiver. If approved, your Monetary Determination letter says so. Back within 15 days? You can ask for one when you file. No approved waiver? The weekly rule applies.

## 3 Weekly work searches

Unless you have an approved work search waiver, complete and report at least 3 different activities each week. Miss any and that week isn't paid.

### These count:

- ✓ Applying for a job or interviewing
- ✓ Going to a job fair
- ✓ A job search workshop or job-related skills course
- ✓ Registering with an employment agency or recruiter

### These don't:

- ✗ Only browsing job listings
- ✗ Only asking whether someone is hiring
- ✗ Reapplying to the same job with the same employer within 4 weeks

**Keep proof**, like emails or screenshots.

## Up to 26 weeks

Weekly maximum: \$530 for 2026 claims, \$614 for claims filed Jan. 1, 2027 or later. Your amount depends on your past wages.

### Michigan UIA

[Michigan.gov/UIA](https://Michigan.gov/UIA)  
1-866-500-0017 (closed Nov. 2–9)

### How to use MiUI

[Michigan.gov/ReadyforMiUI](https://Michigan.gov/ReadyforMiUI)

### Help finding work

Your local Michigan Works! office  
[MichiganWorks.org](https://MichiganWorks.org)