

Estimating UIB Award amount – Coronavirus (COVID-19)

When a consumer lands on this page, they will need to enter any income that they receive from Unemployment Insurance or Social Security Benefits (including Social Security Disability, Retirement (including Railroad Retirement) or Survivor’s Benefits).

We understand that the volume of requests for Unemployment Insurance Benefits is very high right now due to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Consumers may be waiting to apply, or they may be in the process of applying, but may not yet know their exact benefit amount.

In light of this, please use the information below (specifically the updated instructions to step #3) to estimate the consumer’s Unemployment Insurance Benefit amount and enter that amount as UIB benefit income in their NY State of Health application.

You must remind the consumer that they must update their application again once they have completed the UIB application process and receive a determination with an exact award amount.

Benefit Income

Has anyone in your household received?or does anyone expect to receive ? Unemployment Insurance or Social Security Benefits in 2020? [What are Social Security Benefits?](#)

Yes

No

\$600 Pandemic Relief Payment

Many people who already have or are newly in receipt of Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) may also receive a Pandemic Relief Payment through the Department of Labor.

Consumers should **not** report any income from the Pandemic Relief Payment until they have received a determination from the Department of Labor. Consumers who have received a determination for the Pandemic relief Payment, should refer to a separate set of instructions which are forthcoming titled “**How to enter the additional Pandemic Relief Payment.**”

Instructions for Estimating UIB Benefit Award Amount

1. Mark "Yes" on the screen below to indicate that a household member does expect to receive Benefit income in 2020. Click on "Add Benefits Income" for the appropriate household member.

Benefit Income

Has anyone in your household received?or does anyone expect to receive ? Unemployment Insurance or Social Security Benefits in 2020? [What are Social Security Benefits?](#)

Yes

No

Please tell us who in the household received ? or expects to receive ? benefits, what type of benefit they receive, and the amount of the benefit. This amount should include benefits already received, along with benefits your household expects to receive, between January 1 and December 31, 2020.

Click on **Add Benefit Income** to add information about unemployment insurance or Social Security Benefits.

Daffy Duck (27)

Daffy expects no benefit income in 2020. + Add Benefit Income

Donald Duck (27)

Donald expects no benefit income in 2020. + Add Benefit Income

Daisy Duck (11)

Daisy expects no benefit income in 2020. + Add Benefit Income

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2. A pop-up box will appear as shown below. Select “Unemployment Insurance Benefits” from the drop-down menu and click on “Add Benefit.”

3. A new pop-up box will appear. Enter the amounts for the consumer on the screen below.
 - Enter the weekly rate amount in the first box below.
 - *If the consumer does not yet know the amount, they may use the estimated weekly benefit rate as calculated from <https://labor.ny.gov/benefit-rate-calculator/>*
 - Enter the number of weeks the consumer expects to receive unemployment in the second box below.
 - *If the consumer does not yet know how many weeks, they will receive unemployment, they may enter 39; this is the maximum number of weeks someone may receive UIB in NYS.*
 - *There is a system limitation that will not allow the benefit to be added as income in a future calendar year. In this scenario, reduce the number of weeks to end the benefit by the end of December, and update the account in January to add weeks, if needed.*
 - Use the calendar to select the “from date” which is the start date of the UIB award.
 - *If the consumer does not yet know, they should enter a start date at least one (1) week in the future.*
 - The end date will automatically populate based on the information in the first three boxes.
 - The total amount that the consumer expects to collect will automatically populate based on the information entered in the first three boxes.
 - Verify that the information is correct and edit if needed.

Click on “Add Benefit.”

Amount/week	Number of weeks	Start Date	End Date
\$ 504.00	38	04/03/2020	12/25/2020

Donald expects to collect from Unemployment Insurance Benefits \$19,152.00

4. Review the “Benefit Income” screen as shown below. If the screen looks correct click “Next.”
- You may click on “Edit” for the individual to change the amount or “Remove” to remove the entry altogether.

Benefit Income

Has anyone in your household received?or does anyone expect to receive ? Unemployment Insurance or Social Security Benefits in 2020? [What are Social Security Benefits?](#)

Yes No

Please tell us who in the household received ? or expects to receive ? benefits, what type of benefit they receive, and the amount of the benefit. This amount should include benefits already received, along with benefits your household expects to receive, between January 1 and December 31, 2020.

Click on Edit to tell us how much you receive from this benefit.
Click on Remove to delete this benefit.
Click on Add Benefit Income to add information about unemployment insurance or Social Security Benefits.

Donald Duck (37)			\$19,152.00
Benefit / Date Range	Pay / Frequency	Income	Actions
Unemployment Insurance Benefits 04/03/2020 - 12/25/2020	\$504.00/wk for 38 weeks	\$19,152.00	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Remove"/>
<input type="button" value="+ Add Benefit Income"/>			

5. Once you click on “Next” as shown above, proceed with the application as normal.

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