
Executive Order on Changes to Unemployment Benefits:

- Removes the one-week waiting period to apply for unemployment benefits for those workers who lose their jobs
 - Removes the requirement that a person must look for another job during this time when so many potential employers are closed and social distancing guidelines are in effect
 - Allows employees who lose their jobs or, in certain cases have their hours reduced due to COVID-19 issues, to apply for unemployment benefits
 - Permits applicants to apply for benefits remotely, including by phone or online (www.des.nc.gov)
 - Directs that employers will not be held responsible for benefits paid as a direct result of these COVID-19 claims
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