
The COVID19 Unemployment Update

President Trump declared COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) a National Emergency on March 13, 2020. The declaration provides new guidance and outlines flexibilities that states will have in administering their unemployment insurance programs. The following are the South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce's latest unemployment updates.

South Carolina has released information regarding their response to the effects of COVID-19.

- The state will waive the 1-week waiting period for Unemployment claims to expedite payment of benefits
- The state will also, waive work search requirements and modify the availability requirement
- The state has waived the deadline to pay first quarter contributions and had extended the deadline from April 30, 2020 to June 1st, 2020
- Employers will still need to submit wage reports by April 30, 2020 so that the state will continue to have current data to evaluate workforce need

South Carolina has put out a FAQs bulletin that can be found here:

https://dew.sc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/covid19-and-unemployment-benefits1d0d3e9ed525472bb7d17898b4058132.pdf?sfvrsn=5f3744bc_0

SC DEW has also provided a quick reference chart for UI scenarios here:

https://dew.sc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/covid-19-related-ui-information.pdf?sfvrsn=133a12f0_0

Information contained in the bulletin was gathered both independently, as well as utilizing resources obtained from NASWA and the Department of Labor. CCC is in contact with both national and state representatives regarding this issue and will keep you updated as more information becomes available.