

## File a Claim

If you've lost your job in the U.S. Virgin Islands, you can file a claim at the [U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Labor's website](#), over the phone or in person.

## Eligibility

You must be unemployed through no fault of your own, as defined by U.S. Virgin Islands law. If you were fired or suspended from your previous job for misconduct, you won't be eligible for benefits.

You must have made a certain amount of money before losing your job, which is calculated by your base period. Your base period is the earliest four of the five completed calendar quarters before you filed your benefits claim. For example, if your claim was filed on Oct. 10, 2019, your base period would be the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019. To qualify for benefits in the U.S. Virgin Islands you must have made:

- at least \$858 in wages in one quarter of the base period and
- total base period wages that are at least one and one half times the wages in your highest quarter.

The U.S. Virgin Islands offers an alternative base period, which looks at the wages from the four most recently completed quarters.

You must be able to, available for and actively seeking work.

## Duration of Benefits

U.S. Virgin Islands residents can collect unemployment benefits for up to 26 weeks.

## Weekly Benefit Rate

You can receive up to \$552 per week.