

## Re-Employment Resources

WorkSource is a partnership of state and local organizations dedicated to developing and supporting a strong workforce. We work with both employers and employees, providing employment and training solutions at no cost.

WorkSource is also a “one-stop” employment center, providing access to computers, copiers, phone, fax, and WiFi. Our Centers are closed now, but staff are supporting customers by phone, email, and teleconference. Centers will reopen when the stay at home order is ended.

**WorkSource Whatcom:** 101 Prospect Street, Bellingham, WA 98227, 360-676-1521

**WorkSource Skagit:** 2005 E. College Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, 360-416-3600

**WorkSource Whidbey:** 265 NE Kettle Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277, 360-675-5966

WorkSource can help you to enroll in the Dislocated Worker Program, which will connect you with an Employment Coordinator who will:

- Discuss your employment goals, skills, work history, and needs
- Give access to information and guidance to help you make decisions
- Provide resources to fill in any skill gaps or train for a new career
- Teach you how to find labor market information and how to use it

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The fastest way to apply for benefits is online. You can file by phone, but you could experience long wait times. There are **no in-person unemployment offices** in Washington State. If you choose to file by phone, call 1-800-318-6022.

To apply online, you will need to create a Secure Access Washington (SAW) account. There is an online tutorial that describes how to do this:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=6&v=JgrLhqbtHQ4&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=JgrLhqbtHQ4&feature=emb_logo)

To get ready to apply for benefits, visit [www.esd.wa.gov](http://www.esd.wa.gov) and select “Unemployment.” Download the checklist, confirm your eligibility, and gather the necessary information. Then you’ll be ready to sign into eServices with your SAW account and complete the UI application process.

If you have not filed for unemployment insurance benefits before, you can also attend a webinar to help you navigate the online system:

<https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/introduction-to-unemployment-insurance-public-webinar>

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