

Under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation (UC) Law, I am registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry as:

EMPLOYER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PA UC ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

The UC Law can provide you with an income during periods when you are either partially or totally unemployed through no fault of your own.

If you become UNEMPLOYED or your HOURS ARE REDUCED due to LACK OF WORK, the company, department, agency, commission, or bureau where you worked may provide you with a completed **Form UC-1609**, How to Apply for Unemployment Compensation (UC) Benefits.

IMPORTANT

Your UC application will be dated effective the week in which you actually file the application for benefits. You should file a new claim or reopen an existing claim during the first week in which you are unemployed or that your hours are reduced. You may risk losing some benefit eligibility if you file after the first week you are unemployed.

NOTE: To file an application for UC benefits, you will need to provide your:

- Social Security Number
- Alien registration number (if not a U.S. citizen)
- Complete mailing and home address
- Name, address, and account number of employer(s) from Form UC-1609
- Dates of employment and reasons for leaving
- Most recent pay stub (optional but helpful)
- Personal Identification Number (PIN) (if you have one from a prior claim)

Scan with your
mobile phone



You may file your new application, reopen an existing claim or get information about the UC Program online at **www.uc.pa.gov**, or by calling the UC Service Center at 888-313-7284. TTY: (Hearing Impaired) at 888-334-4046.

When claiming UC benefits, you must report *gross* wages that you *earned* during any week for which you are claiming UC benefits. Computer crossmatching is used to detect the illegal receipt of UC payments resulting from unreported work and earnings, as well as unreported pensions.

REMEMBER: Whenever you have questions or any problem regarding your UC claim, contact your UC Service Center. Do not take outside advice. Outside advice may be incorrect and could adversely affect your eligibility to receive UC benefits.

A person who knowingly makes a false statement or knowingly withholds information to obtain UC benefits commits a criminal offense under section 801 of the UC Law, 43 P.S. §871, and may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, restitution and loss of future benefits.