

# New Online Resource for School Bus Drivers, Other Seasonal School Workers Seeking Unemployment Compensation Benefits

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BETHLEHEM - The Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) has created a new web page with information for school bus drivers and other seasonal workers about how to apply for Unemployment Compensation (UC) benefits during the summer break. The page includes information about how to reopen a claim, how to avoid unnecessary eligibility issues, and what to expect in terms of payment timing for eligible claimants.

Each year, L&I's Unemployment Compensation team assists thousands of school bus drivers across Pennsylvania with their claims. In addition to launching the comprehensive information page, the UC team worked with the Pennsylvania School Bus Association in the months leading up to summer break to educate workers about their rights and responsibilities.

Seasonal workers like bus drivers who have filed UC claims in the past should be prepared to reopen their past claim – not start a new one – during their first week of unemployment. After reopening a claim, workers should file weekly benefit certifications online or by using the Department's touch tone telephone service, called PAT, at 888-255-4728 (en Español, 877-888-8104).

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