

Filing for Lost Wages Assistance

Lost Wages Assistance

The Lost Wages Assistance program (LWA) is a temporary emergency program that gives an additional \$300 per week to people who are receiving unemployment benefits and are out of work or who had their hours cut due to COVID-19. LWA applies to the weeks of July 26, 2020, through Sept. 5, 2020.

To request these benefits, you must:

- Have received unemployment benefits between July 26, 2020 through Sept. 5, 2020, and
- Self-certify (www.oregon.gov/employ) that you were unemployed or partially unemployed due to COVID-19 between the weeks of July 26, 2020 through Sept. 5, 2020.

For more information on the LWA program, visit unemployment.oregon.gov.

This document will help you navigate how to file for LWA through the [Online Claim System](#).

Important things to remember:

- You self-certify for Lost Wages Assistance only one time.
- Make sure you keep claiming your benefits each week you wish to receive payment.
- If you are receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), **do NOT** self-certify through the Online Claim System for LWA.

Please visit our website at:
www.oregon.gov/employ to
submit your certification for LWA
through the **Online Claim
System**.

From the homepage, select
Use the Online Claim System.

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Resources and guidance for employers, workers, and job seekers can be found on our [COVID-19 page](#).

For regular UI benefits, file your initial or weekly [UI claim online](#).

Self-employed, gig workers, or independent contractors can apply for [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\)](#) on our [CARES Act page](#).

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- Contact Local Economists
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From the Online Claim System menu, please select **Lost Wages Assistance**.



Welcome to Your Online Claim System		Español
Regular UI Initial Claim	Apply for regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits by filing an initial claim. After you apply, you will also need to file a weekly claim (see below). Help If you are filing due to COVID-19, please watch this step-by-step video guide on how to fill out your application correctly .	
Regular UI Weekly Claim	To start getting regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, you need to file a weekly claim. This is different than the initial claim. You have to file both to get your benefits. Help A weekly claim is how we figure out how much money to send you for that week. A week is Sunday through Saturday. You can't submit a weekly claim until the week is over. So if you filed your initial claim this week, you need to wait until Sunday to file your first weekly claim. To keep getting benefits, you need to file a new weekly claim every week. Filing a claim wrong can delay your benefits. And during COVID-19, the right answers to the questions on the claim form are different than you might think. If you are out of work due to COVID-19, use our step-by-step guides and videos to help you file your claim correctly.	
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)	File a Pandemic Unemployment Assistance initial claim (this is the PUA application) or a PUA weekly claim. Help There are three ways to file a claim: 1) online claim form, 2) fax, or 3) mail. You will get paid fastest if you file your claims through the online form. Please note, the Internet Explorer browser is not supported for the PUA online form. Step-by-step guides and videos on how to file PUA claims PUA frequently asked questions PDF claim forms for fax or mail For free help applying in languages other than English, please call Worksystem at 1-503-606-6969.	
Regular UI Benefits Extension (PEUC)	Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) is for people who have run out of their regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. It allows up to 13 more weeks of benefits. Help Apply for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) by filing an initial claim. You will need to download the PDF claim form below, save the PDF to your computer, enter your information, save the PDF again, and upload it back into this Online Claim System. PDF claim forms for download Instructions on how to file a PEUC application.	
Lost Wages Assistance	Certify your eligibility for the Lost Wages Assistance program. Help	

20% Progress

Login to Self-Certify for Lost Wages Assistance (LWA)

False answers may result in overpaid benefits, which you must pay back. If you provide information that you know is false or misleading, or if you hold back information, that is considered fraud and is punishable by law.

If you already submitted a request and wish to change your answer, continue this transaction where you will be able to give a new answer. All your answers will be recorded and the most recent will be updated to your record.

I understand and agree to all these terms.

Continue

Cancel and Return to Menu

To login to LWA, you must read and agree to the following advisory.

Select **Continue** to go to the LWA login screen.

40% Progress

Login to Self-Certify for Lost Wages Assistance (LWA)

 Display my SSN

SSN:

PIN:

[\[? \] Forgot my PIN or it was Reset](#)[Continue](#)[Cancel and Return to Menu](#)

Enter your Social Security Number and PIN to login. Select **Continue**.

If you forgot your PIN or it was Reset, select **Forgot my PIN or it was Reset** to be directed to the Change/Reset PIN process.

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Self-Certification for Lost Wages Assistance (LWA)

Oregon Employment Department will investigate and report allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse to the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General as required under 44 CFR 206.120(c)(3)(B) (ix and x).

I certify that the information I am providing is correct.

Email:

Signature:

[Continue](#)[Cancel and Return to Menu](#)

Enter your email address and name to certify the information you are providing is correct. Select **Continue**.

Self-Certification for Lost Wages Assistance

On August 8, 2020, the President made available up to \$44 billion from FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund to provide financial assistance to people who have lost wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program is a temporary emergency program that gives an additional \$300 per week to people who are out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are receiving unemployment benefits. LWA is effective from the period of July 26, 2020 through September 5, 2020.

To qualify for the program, you must:

- Self-certify that you are unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19 from the week of unemployment starting July 26, 2020.

Self-Certification:

Yes. I certify that I was unemployed or partially unemployed during the period starting July 26, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

No. I was not unemployed or partially unemployed during the period starting July 26, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Continue

Cancel and Return to Menu

To certify for LWA you must answer the question on this screen.

Select **Yes** if you were unemployed or partially unemployed during the period starting July 26, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Select **No** if you were not unemployed or partially unemployed during the period starting July 26, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Select **No** if you were unemployed or partially unemployed for reasons OTHER than COVID-19.

Select **Continue**.

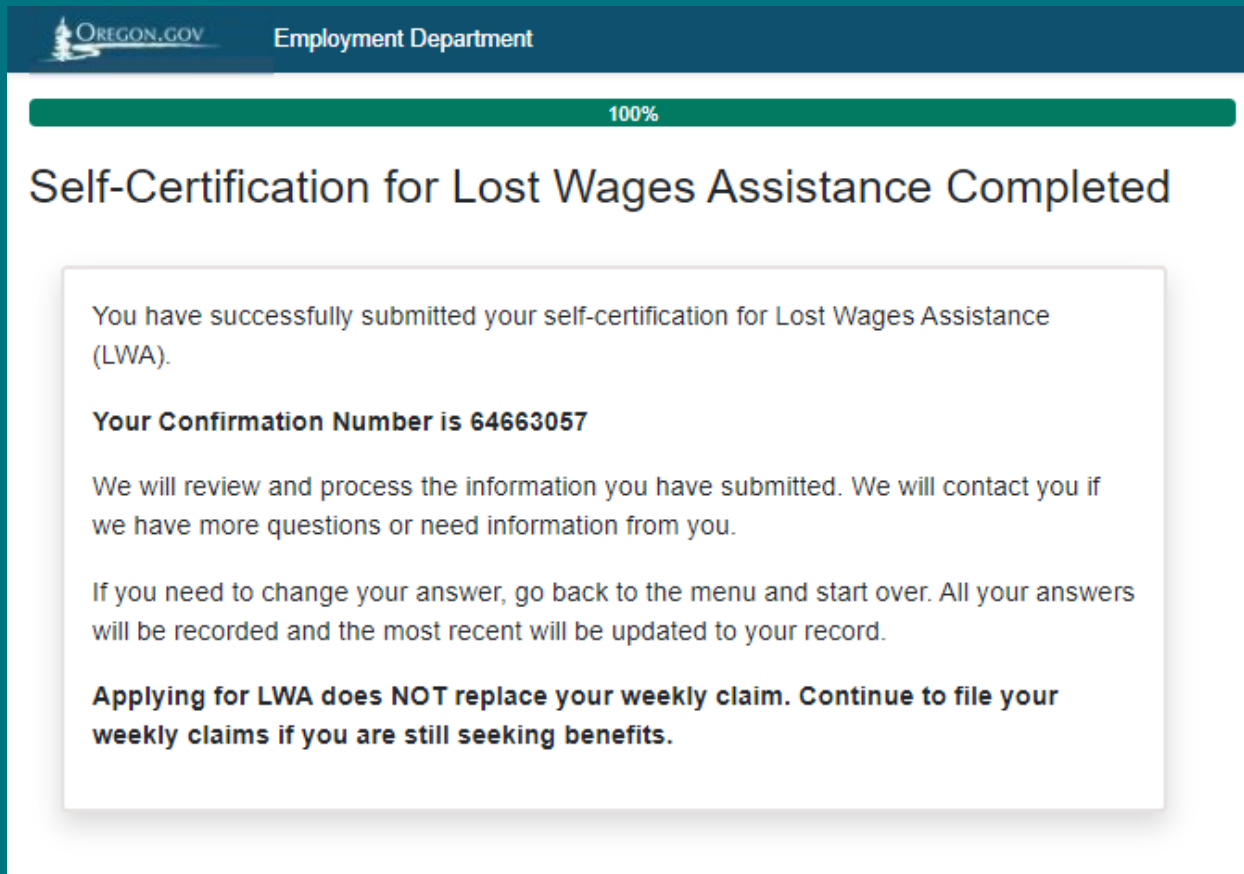
If you answered **Yes** to the prior question, your certification has been submitted for LWA.

Important: Make sure you submit your weekly claim reports for each week you wish to receive payment.

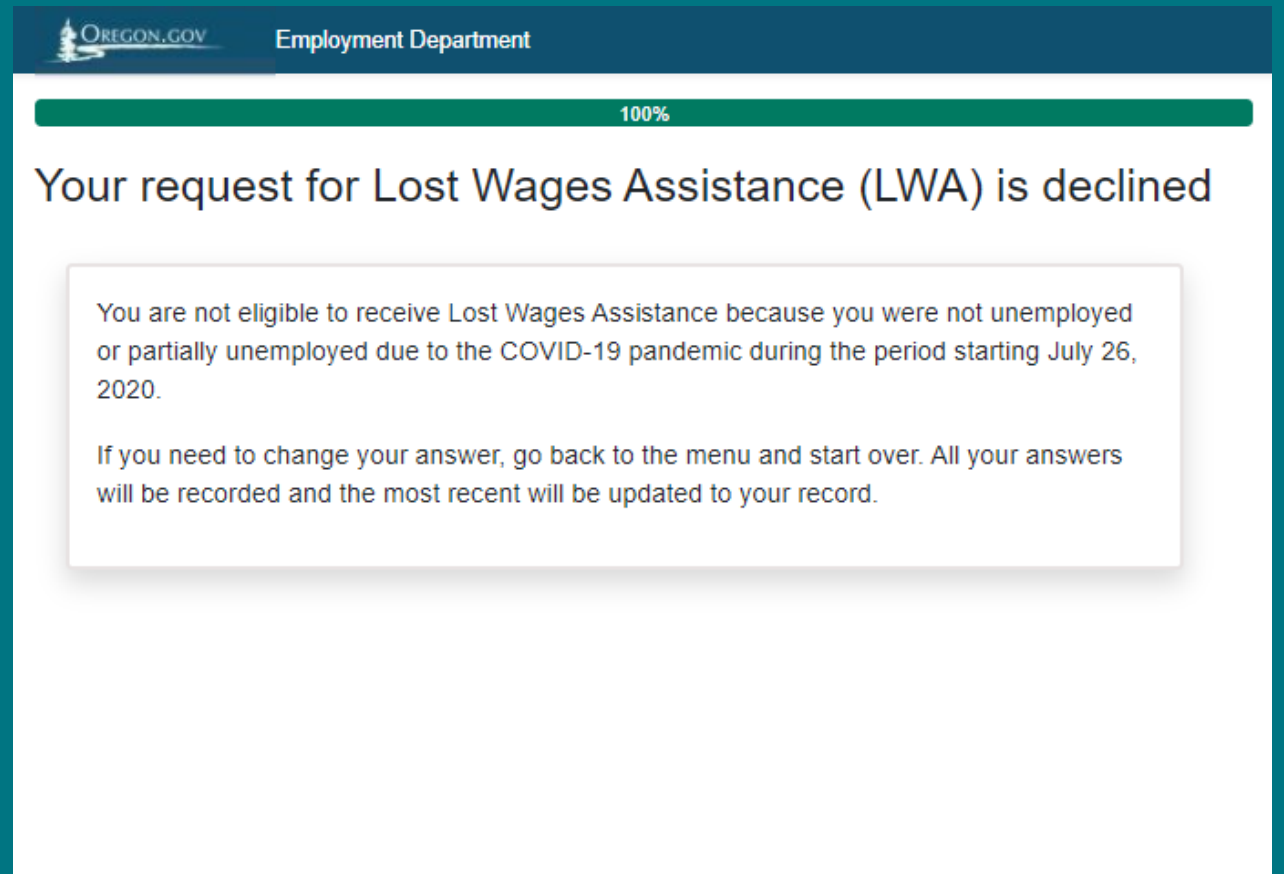
You only need to complete one LWA certification.

If you answered **No** to the prior question, your certification was not accepted.

To be eligible for LWA you **MUST** be unemployed or partially unemployed during the period starting July 26, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The screenshot shows the Oregon Employment Department website with a green progress bar at 100%. The main heading is "Self-Certification for Lost Wages Assistance Completed". The message states: "You have successfully submitted your self-certification for Lost Wages Assistance (LWA). Your Confirmation Number is 64663057. We will review and process the information you have submitted. We will contact you if we have more questions or need information from you. If you need to change your answer, go back to the menu and start over. All your answers will be recorded and the most recent will be updated to your record. Applying for LWA does NOT replace your weekly claim. Continue to file your weekly claims if you are still seeking benefits."



The screenshot shows the Oregon Employment Department website with a green progress bar at 100%. The main heading is "Your request for Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) is declined". The message states: "You are not eligible to receive Lost Wages Assistance because you were not unemployed or partially unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the period starting July 26, 2020. If you need to change your answer, go back to the menu and start over. All your answers will be recorded and the most recent will be updated to your record."

IMPORTANT: Make sure you claim your benefits each week you wish to receive payment.

Find more information about Lost Wages Assistance, please visit our webpage:

unemployment.oregon.gov

