

Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings

Unemployment Insurance Appeals

I've appealed the decision to deny my unemployment insurance benefits. What happens next?

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) will review your request for an appeal and, if the appeal is timely, schedule a telephone hearing with an Administrative Law Judge. We will notify you of the scheduled hearing date and time, and how to participate, by sending you a Notice of Hearing in the mail.

On the date and time of your hearing, you will appear by telephone to share why you believe your unemployment insurance claim should have been approved.

What will the Administrative Law Judge want me to do?

During the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge will explain the hearing process to you, and answer any questions you may have. The Administrative Law Judge will then take testimony from you, someone from the Employment Department, and in some cases, from your former employer.

How long does the appeal process take?

Currently, hearings are scheduled between two to six months after we receive the request for an unemployment insurance appeal.

Why does it take so long to get a hearing?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the OAH has received an extremely high number of requests for unemployment insurance appeals. We are working as quickly as we can to provide you with the best service possible, including hiring new judges and reassigning others to work on unemployment insurance appeals. Some, but not all claims, may experience delay before we can schedule your hearing.

I had my hearing, how long does it take to get the decision back from the Administrative Law Judge?

In most cases, the Administrative Law Judge will issue their decision (called an order) within two weeks after the hearing.

I got my decision and I don't like it. Can I appeal to a higher body?

Yes. If you disagree with the Administrative Law Judge's order, you can file an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). If you disagree with the EAB's decision, you can file a petition for judicial review with the [Oregon Court of Appeals](#).

Where do I go if I have more questions?

Please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at OED_OAH_UI_EMAILS@employ.oregon.gov or call 503 947-1353.