

Unemployment Insurance Online Information Guide

A Step-By-Step Guide to Filing an Unemployment Claim Online

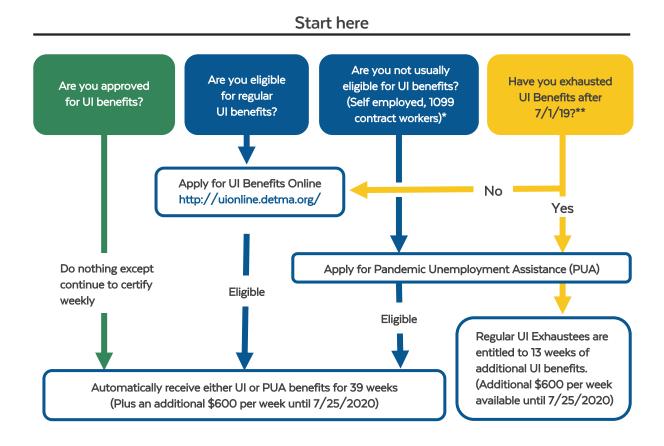


We're all in for you

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had a devastating effect on workplaces across the state. If you are reading this, it's likely that you have already been impacted by COVID-19-related layoffs. The Department of Unemployment Assistance is here for you. We're hard at work during this unprecedented crisis to make sure that everyone has access to the benefits they need, when they need them. Our primary goal is to make the process of collecting unemployment benefits as easy possible. That's why we've created this step-by-step guide to help you navigate the process of filing a successful unemployment claim online.

Confirm UI is right for you

The federal CARES Act was signed into law March 27, 2020. The Act provides enhanced Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for Massachusetts workers.



- * People traditionally ineligible for unemployment benefits may be self-employed, gig workers, or independent contractors. Other examples include earning less than \$5100 in the last year, or having no right to regular unemployment, either because you were denied, or you worked for a religious organization.
- ** This group may qualify for PEUC at a later date. PEUC is Pandemic **Emergency Unemployment** Compensation. That's the 13 week extension for people who were previously collecting unemployment but have used up all of their benefits, or whose benefit year ended after July 1, 2019.

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Before you begin

Collect the documents and information that you will need to reference while you file your claim:

	Your Social Security Number			
	If you are not a citizen of the United States, your alien registration number			
	Your residential address			
	Your mailing address			
	Your telephone number			
	Your bi	our birth date		
	Your employment history for the last 15 months, which includes			
		The names of all your employers		
		Employer addresses		
		Employer phone numbers		
		Reasons for separation from your employers		
		Employment start and end dates		
		Recall dates		
	Optional			
		If you want to use direct deposit, you will need your bank account number and routing number		
		Your email address		
	If these apply to you:			
		The social security numbers and dates of birth for your dependents		
		Your union name and local number (if you are a member of a union)		
		If you were in the Military, you will need information from your DD-214 Member 4 (not mandatory to apply		
		If you were a Federal Employee, you will need information from your SF8 (not mandatory to apply)		

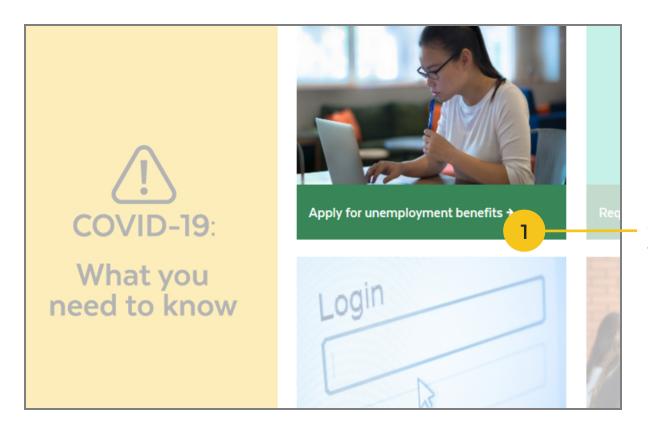
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How to file a new unemployment claim

- Turn on your computer and access the Internet
- 2. On the address bar, type www.mass.gov/dua
- 3. Recommended web browsers:
 - Microsoft® Internet Explorer
 - Mozilla Firefox
 - Google® Chrome

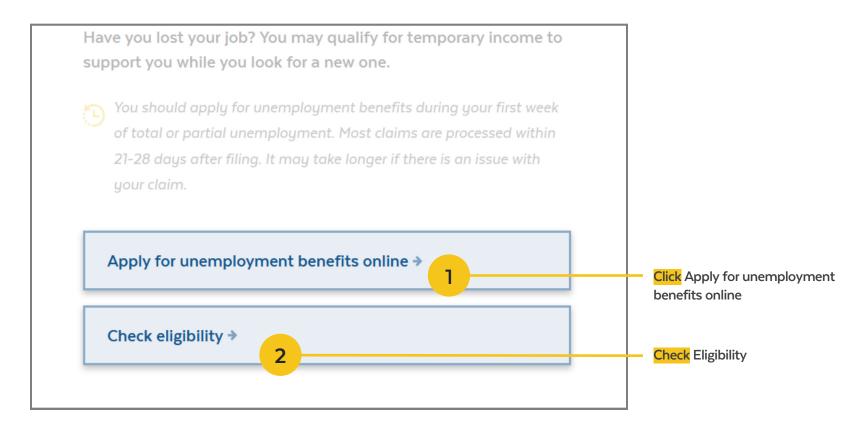
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Click on Apply for unemployment benefits

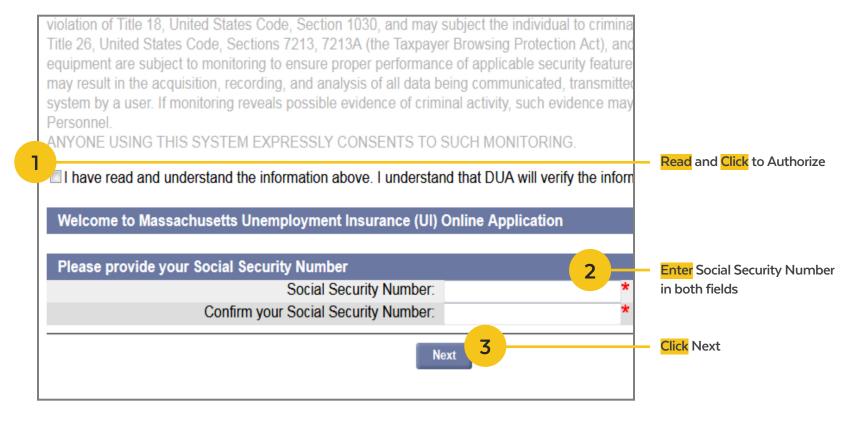


Scroll down and Click Apply for unemployment benefits

Click on Apply for unemployment benefits



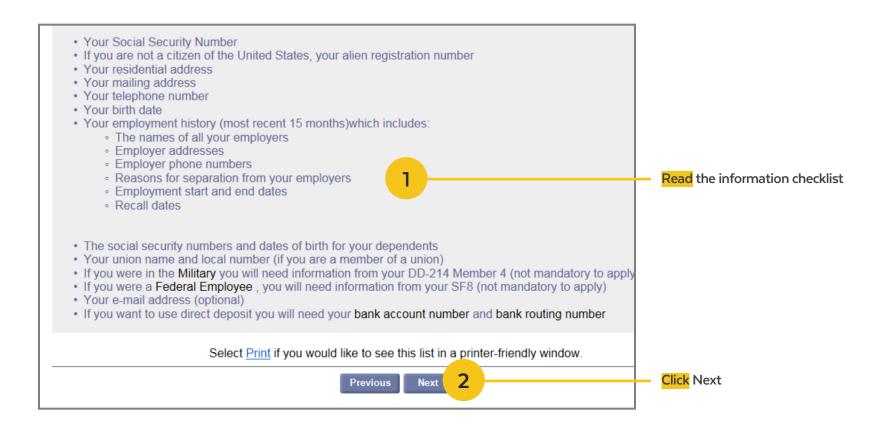
Read the Warning **Statement**



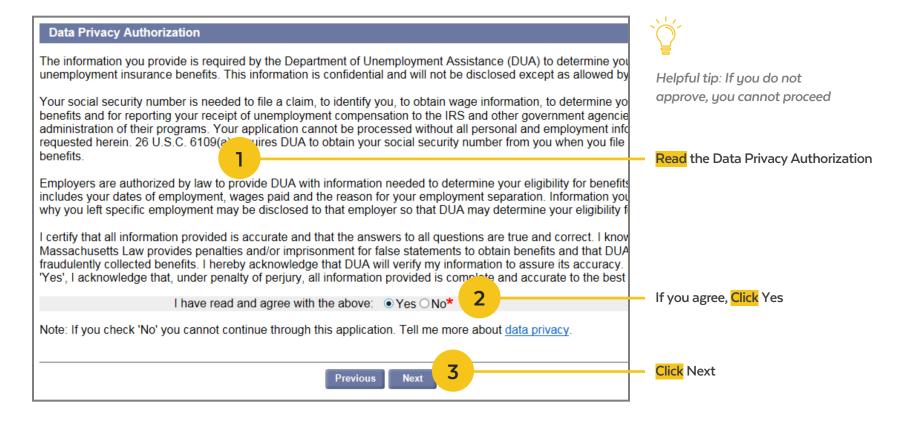
Start the Unemployment **Benefits Application**



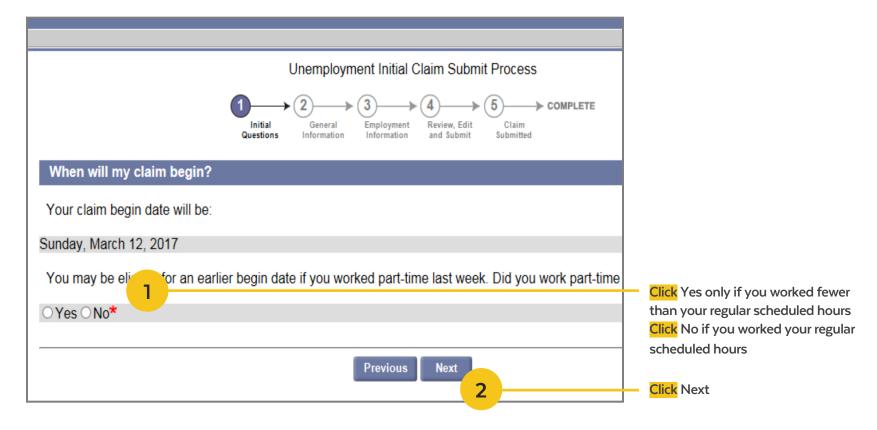
Review application checklist



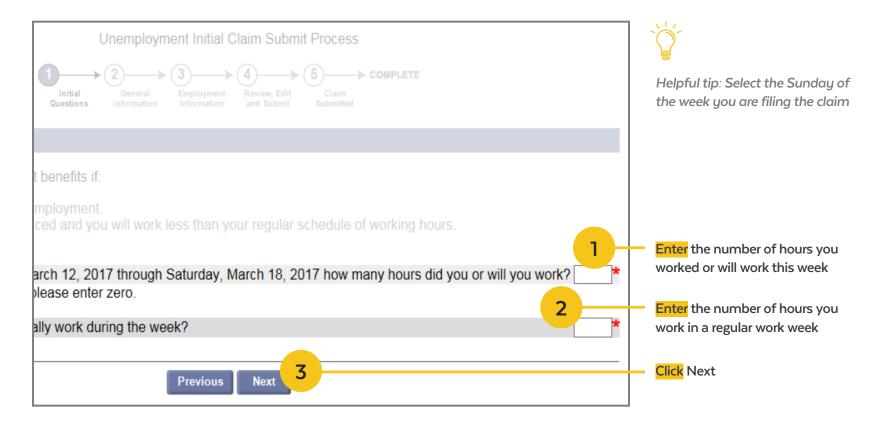
Read the Data Privacy **Authorization statement**



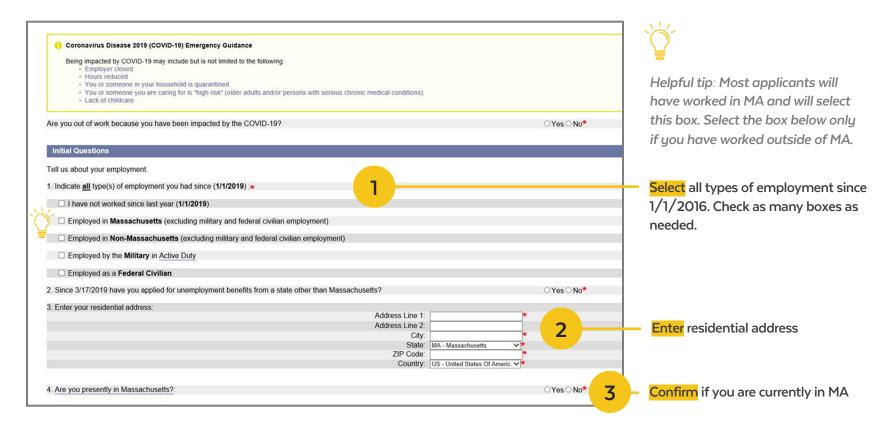
Determine unemployment claim begin date



Enter your hours worked this week



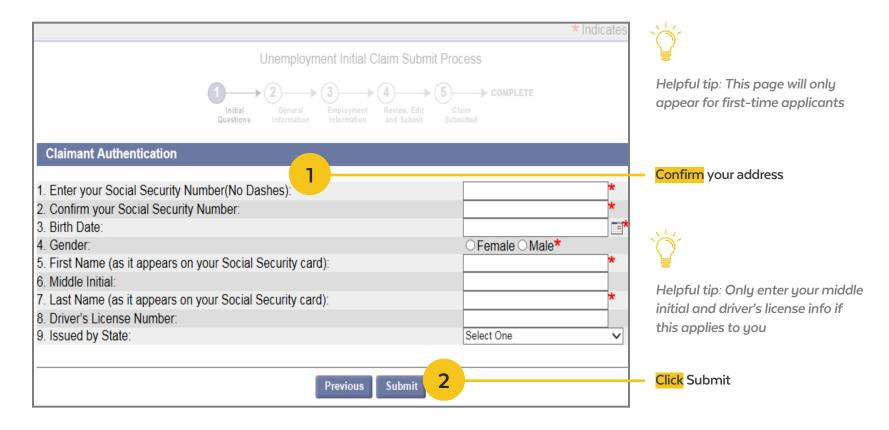
Answer initial questions



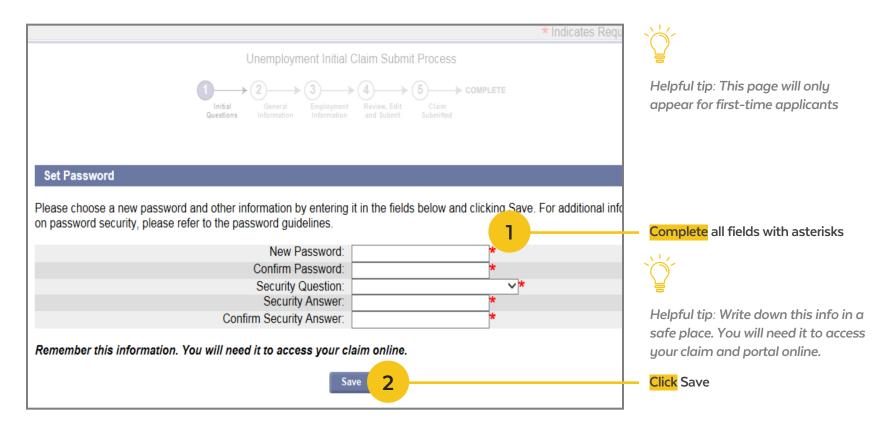
Confirm your address



Enter personal information



Create your password and security questions

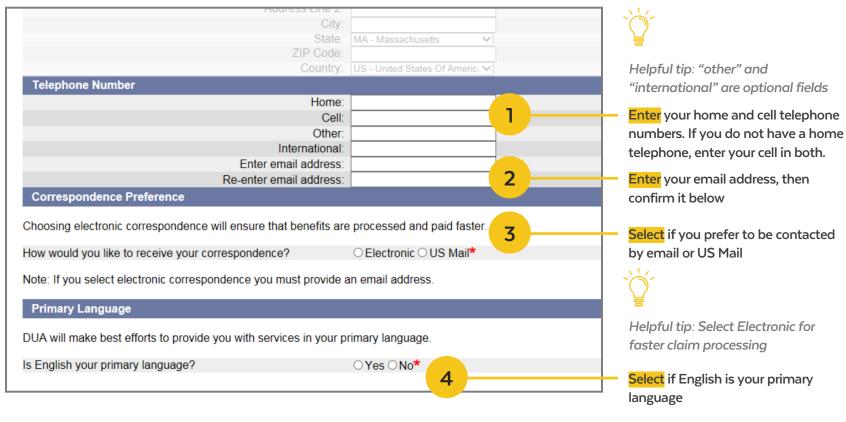


Confirm mailing address

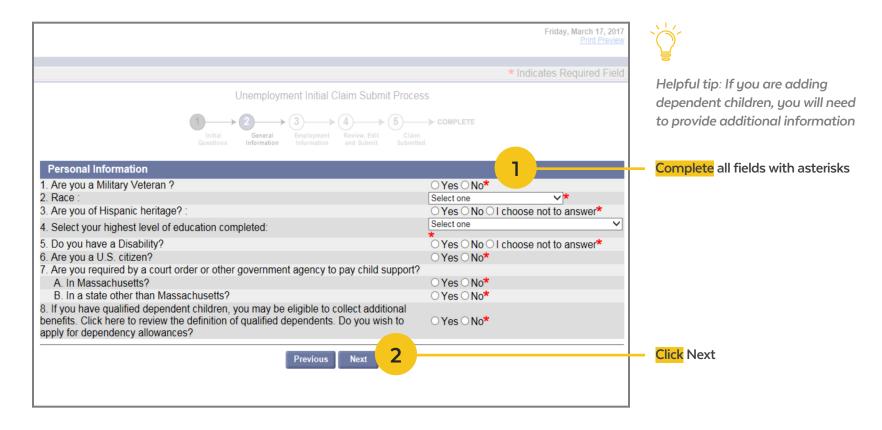
1 Calculation Calculation	Review, Edit Claim and Submit Submitted		
Contact Information			
First Name:	Charles		
Middle Initial: Last Name:	Smith		
Suffix:	Siliui		
Residential Address			
Address Line 1:	19 Staniford St		
Address Line 2:			
	Boston		
State:			
	021142502		
Country:	US		
Mailing Address			
Check this box if Mailing Address is same as Residential Address:			
In care of (c/o):			
Address Line 1:			
Address Line 2:			
City:			
State:	MA - Massachusetts		
ZIP Code:			
Country:	US - United States Of Americ: 🗸		

 If the place you live is the same as your mailing address, Check the box. If you live in a different place than where you receive your mail, fill it in. Scroll down

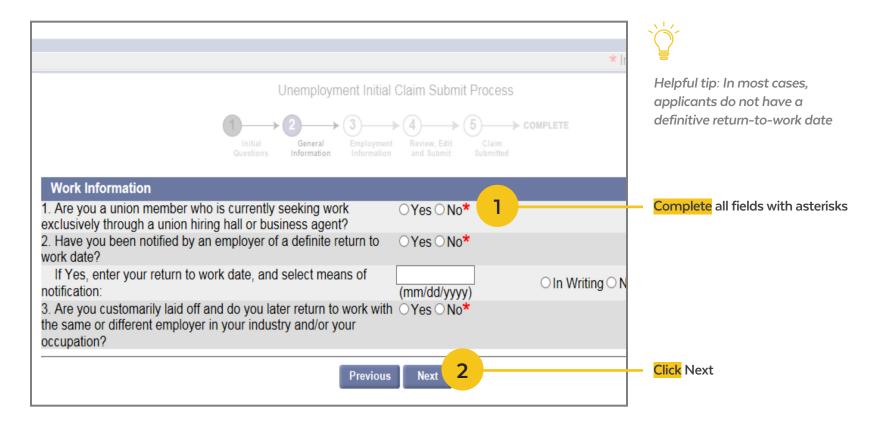
Enter telephone number, contact method, and language



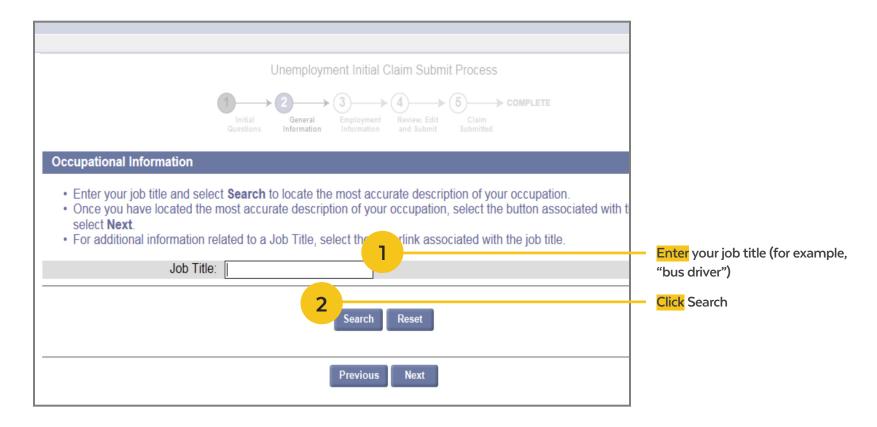
Enter additional personal information



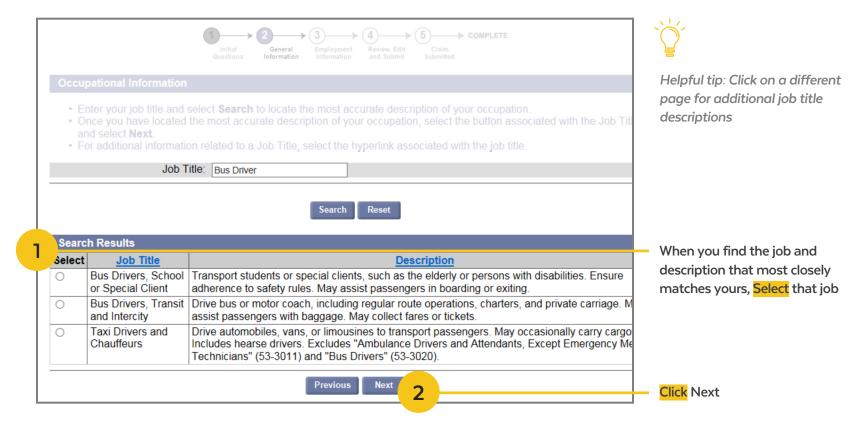
Enter work information



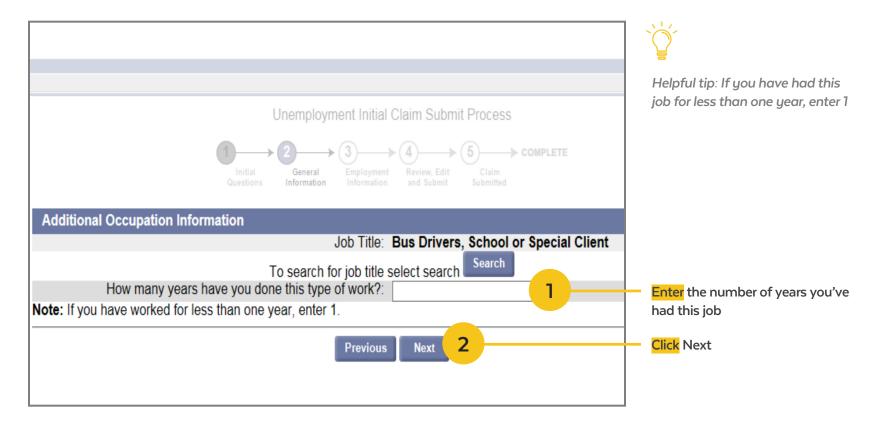
Identify your job title



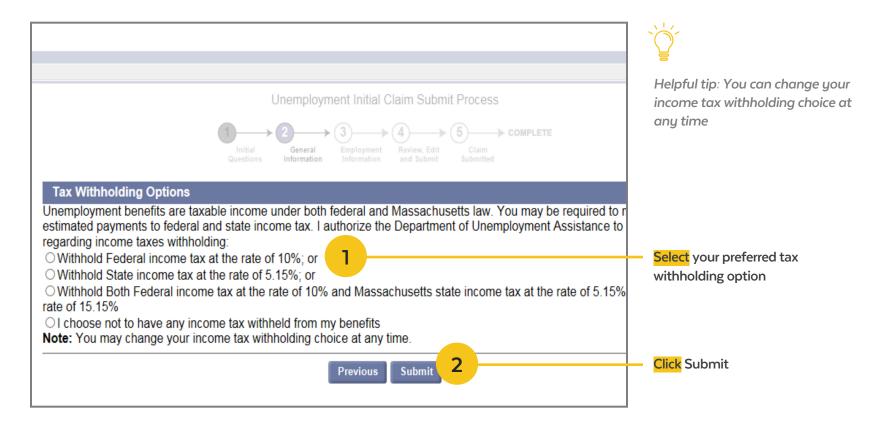
Select job description



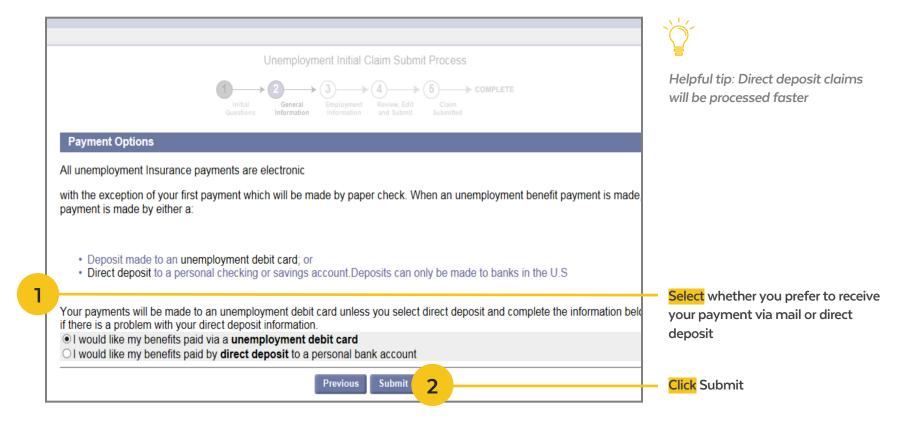
Enter number of years you worked this job



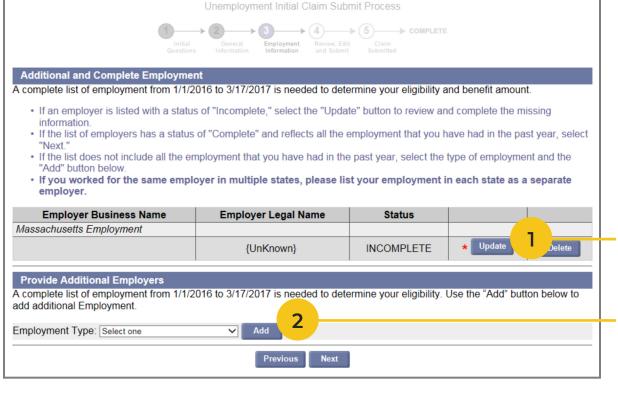
Choose tax withholding option



Select how you prefer to receive your benefit



Enter employment history





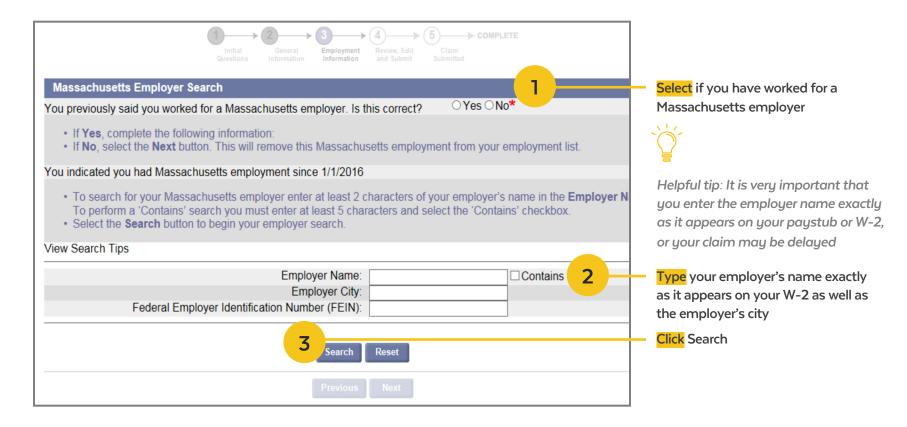
Helpful tip: Your full employment history from 1/1/2016 to the current date is required to determine your eligibility and benefit amount

In most cases the "Employer" will auto populate once hitting Update

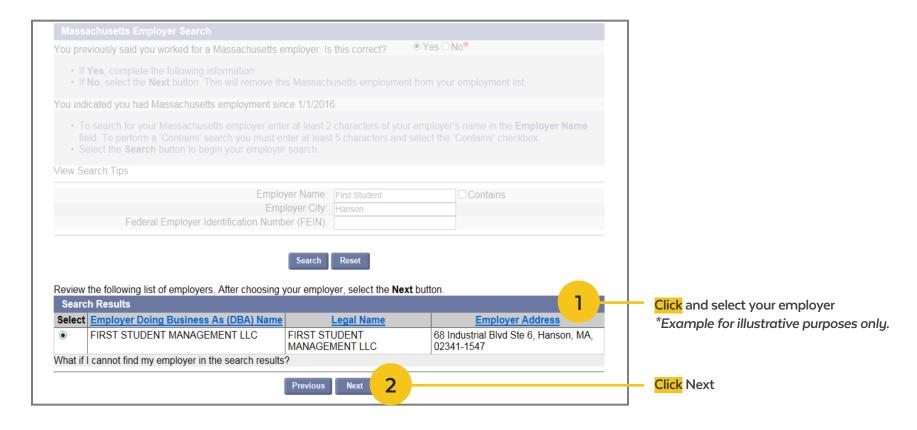
Click Update

If your Employer does not auto populate, or to add additional employment, Click the Employment Type dropdown menu

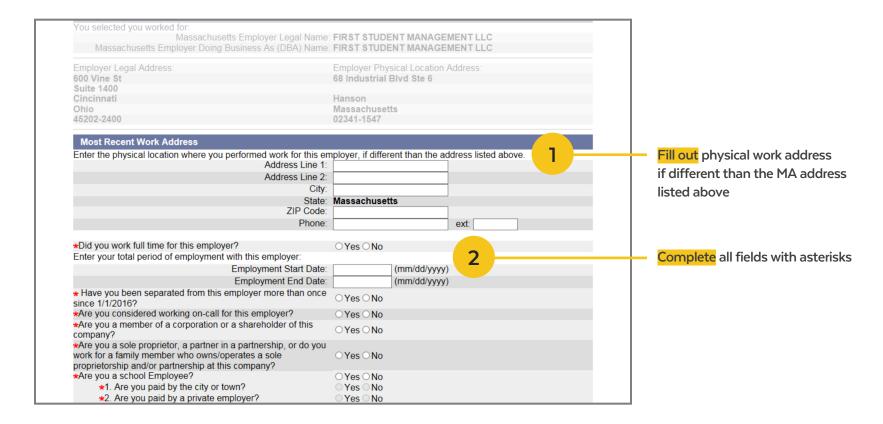
Search for employer name



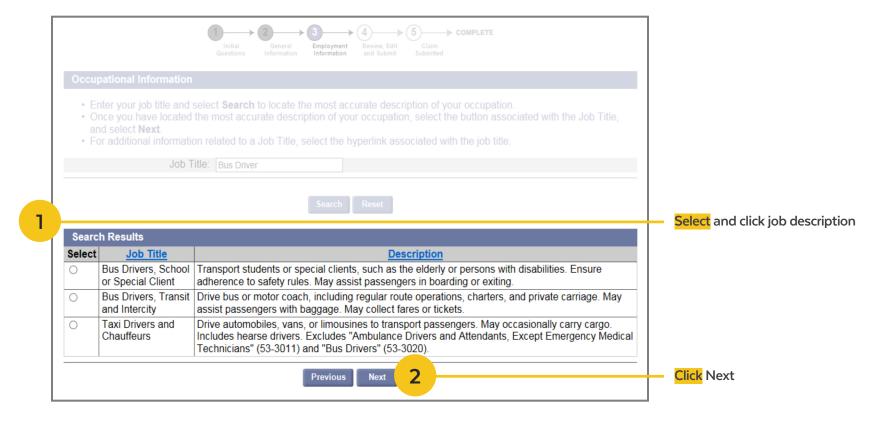
Confirm your employer



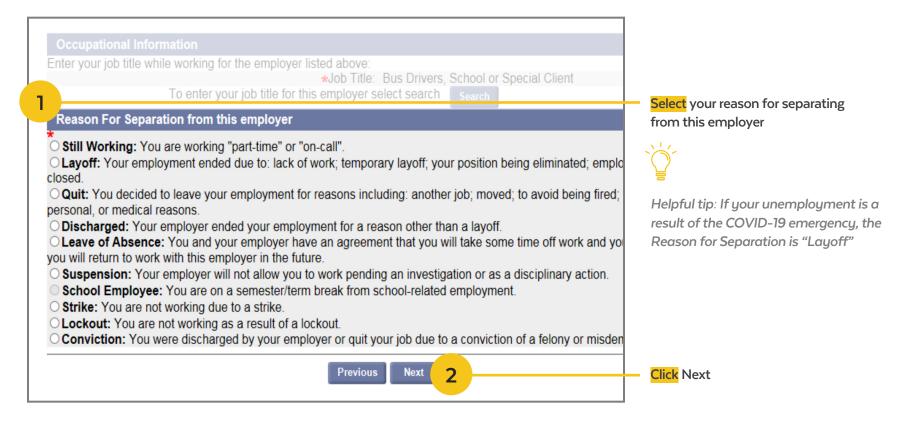
Provide employment details



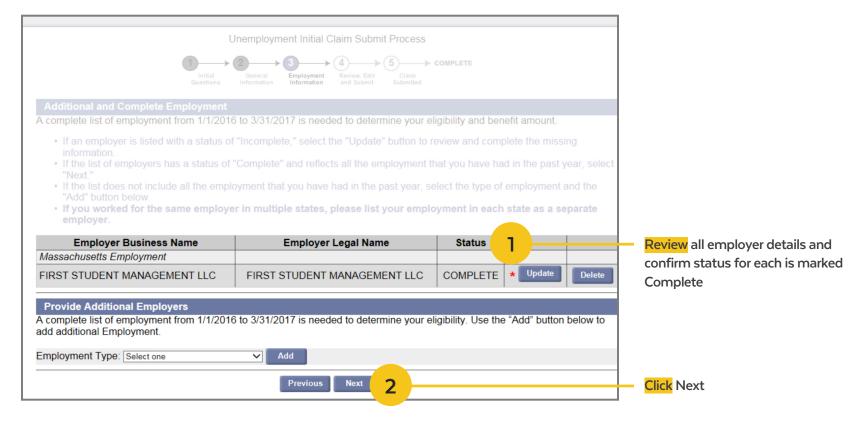
Select the job description that applies to you



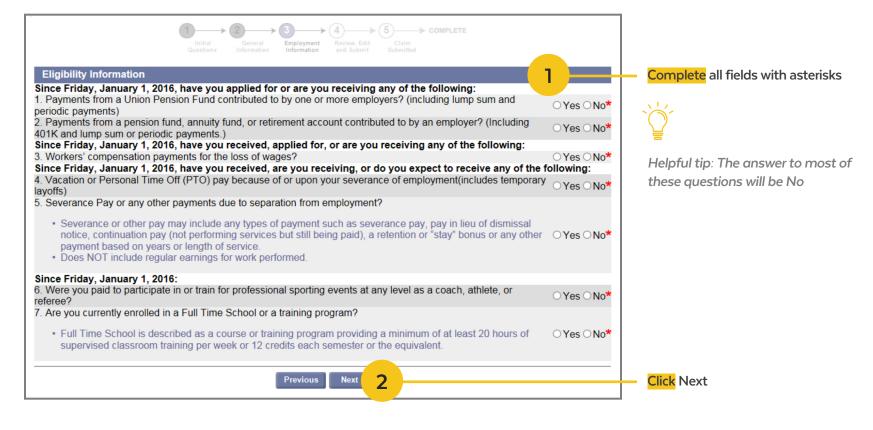
Select reason for no longer working that job



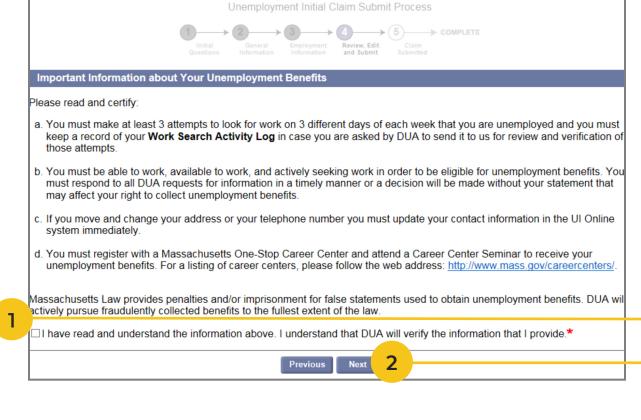
Confirm all details and status for employment history



Answer eligibility questions



Acknowledge unemployment information



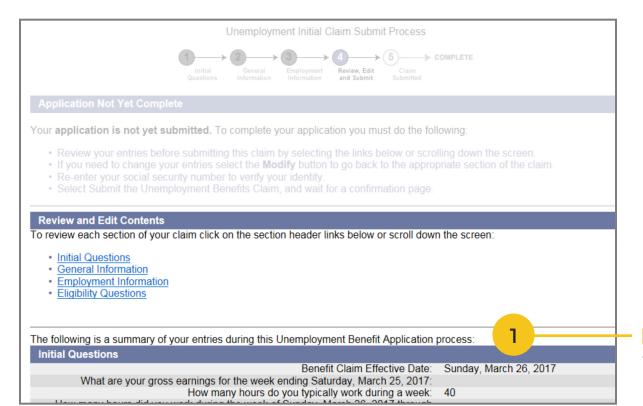


Helpful tip: If your claim filing is a result of the COVID-19 emergency the only requirement is that you notify us if your address or telephone number changes

Review all information and click to certify



Complete final review of all information



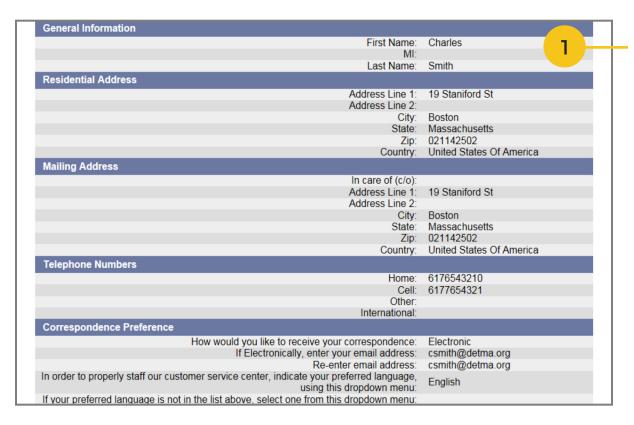
Scroll down to review and confirm all information

Review initial questions

o review each section of your claim click on the section header links below or scroll down the screen: Employment Information The following is a summary of your entries during this Unemployment Benefit Application process: **Initial Questions** Sunday, March 26, 2017 Benefit Claim Effective Date: What are your gross earnings for the week ending Saturday, March 25, 2017: How many hours do you typically work during a week: 40 How many hours did you work during the week of Sunday, March 26, 2017 through Saturday, April 1, 2017: Are you unemployed as a direct result of a disaster: No Employed in Massachusetts (excluding military and federal civilian employment): Employed in state other than Massachusetts (excluding military and federal civilian No employment): Employed by the Military in Active Duty: No Employed as a Civilian Federal Employee: Since 3/27/2016 have you applied for unemployment benefits from a state other than Massachusetts: Enter the ZIP code of your home address: 021142502 Modify

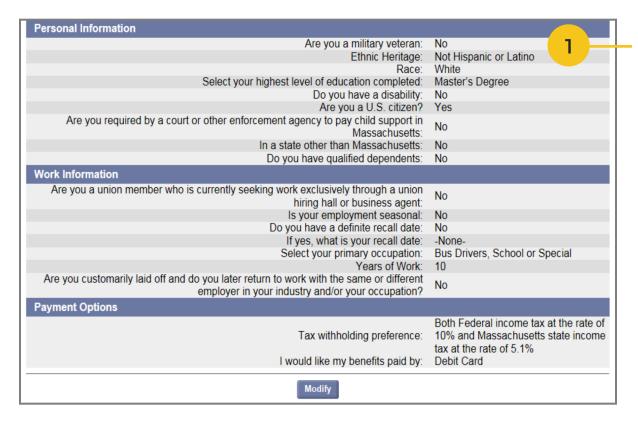
Review all Initial Questions and only make changes if the info is incorrect

Review general information



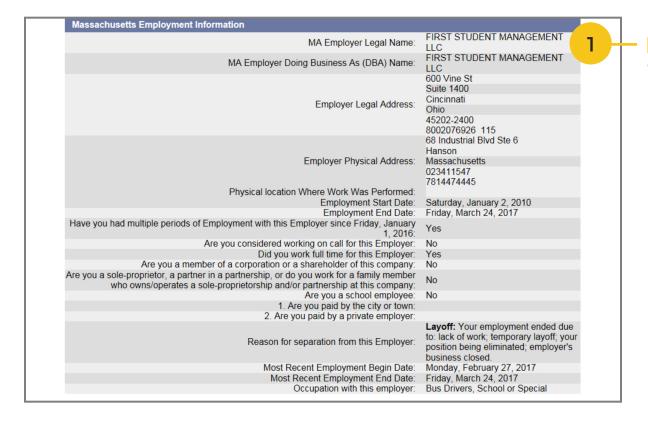
Review all information and only make changes if it is incorrect

Review general information (cont.)



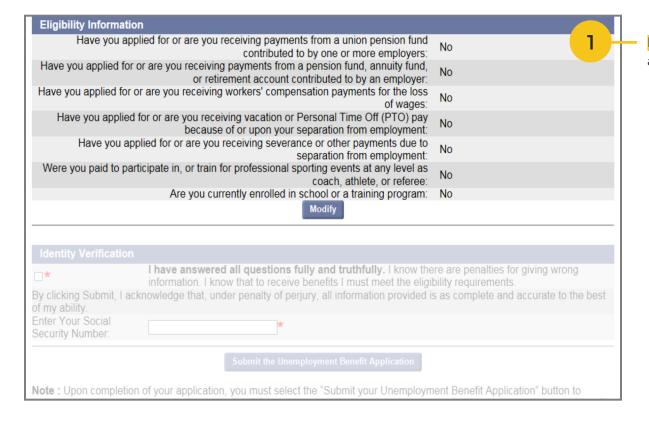
Review all information and only make changes if it is incorrect

Review employment information



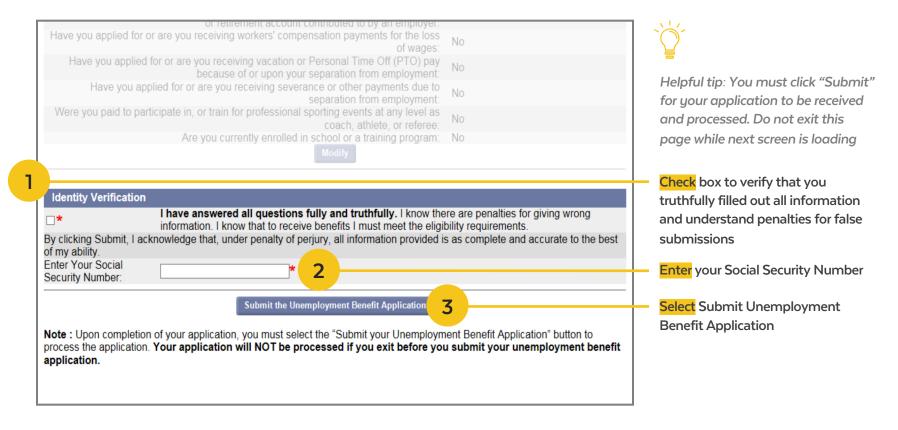
Review all employment information and only make changes if it is incorrect

Review eligibility



Review all eligibility information and only make changes if it is incorrect

Verify identity and submit application

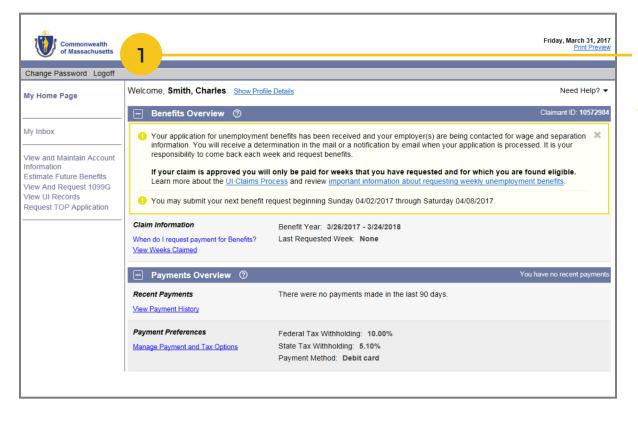


Receive claim submission confirmation



Review information and resources on page

Return to homepage for benefits overview



When finished, Click Logoff to exit the UI Online System



Helpful tip: This page will show the status of your claim, as well as your benefits history and payment preferences

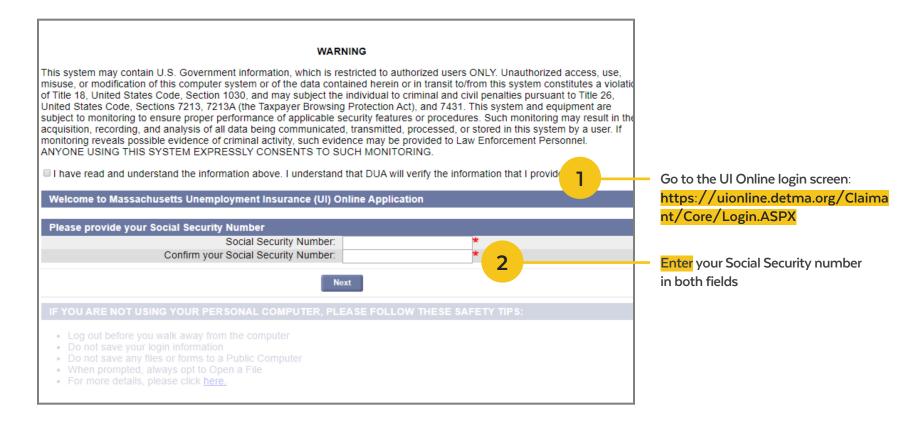


Appendix: Instructions for Claimant Password Reset in UI Online

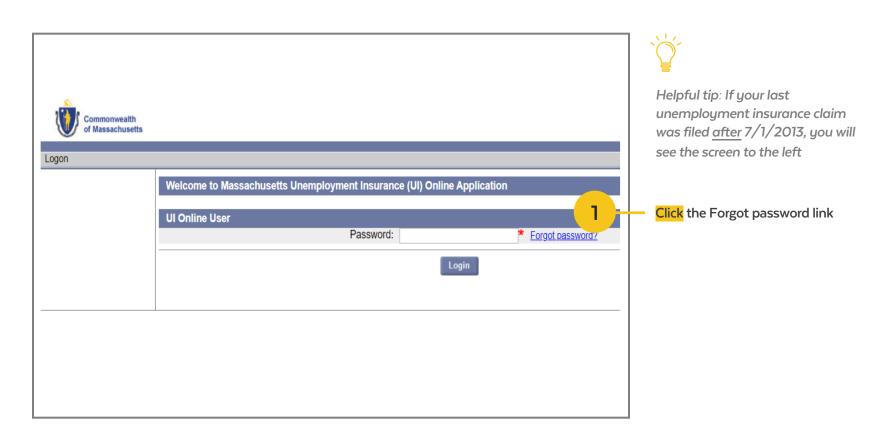
This is not a requirement to complete the application process.

Use this section if you're having trouble logging in to UI Online.

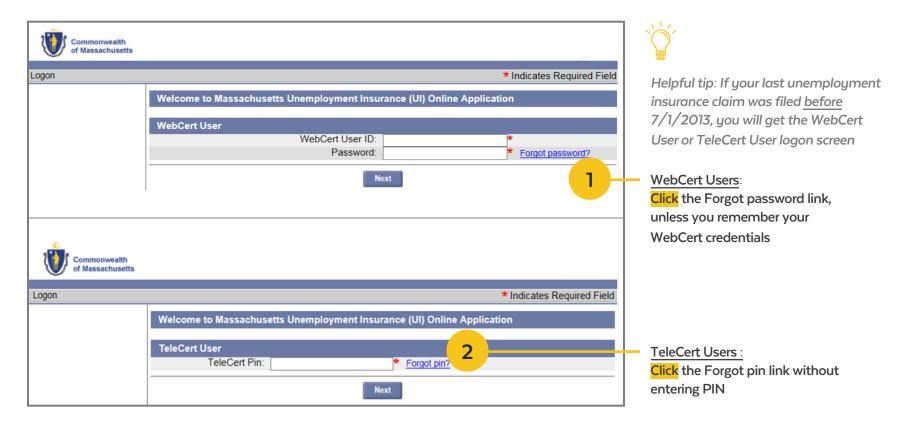
Step 1



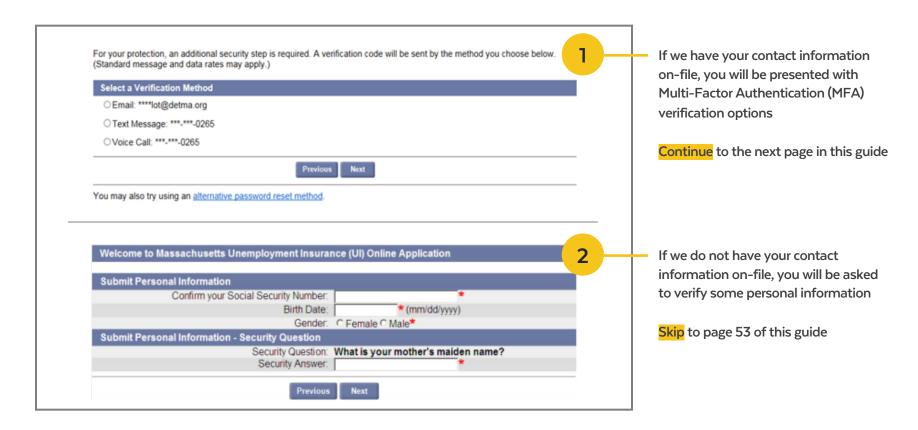
Step 2A



Step 2B



Step 3 Overview



Step 3 Password Reset with MFA





Helpful tip: If you no longer can access any of the presented Verification Methods, you can select the link at the bottom of the page for an alternate password reset method, detailed on page 53 of this guide

Choose your preferred MFA Verification Method, based on the options provided, to receive your authentication code

Step 3 Password Reset with MFA (cont.)

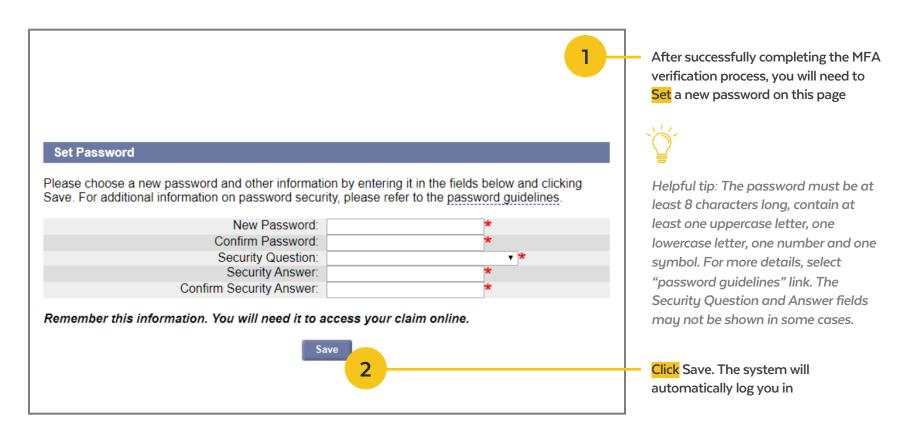


If verifying by Email or Text Message, you will have two options:

- 1. Click the link in the received message, follow the instructions, and the next page will appear automatically
- 2. Enter the received code on the Account Verification page shown below and click Next to continue

If verifying by Voice Call, a random PIN will be given to you on the Account Verification page shown below. Answer your phone when it rings and enter this PIN when prompted, followed by # key. After verification, the next page will appear automatically.

Step 3 Password Reset with MFA (cont.)



Step 3 Password Reset Alternate Method

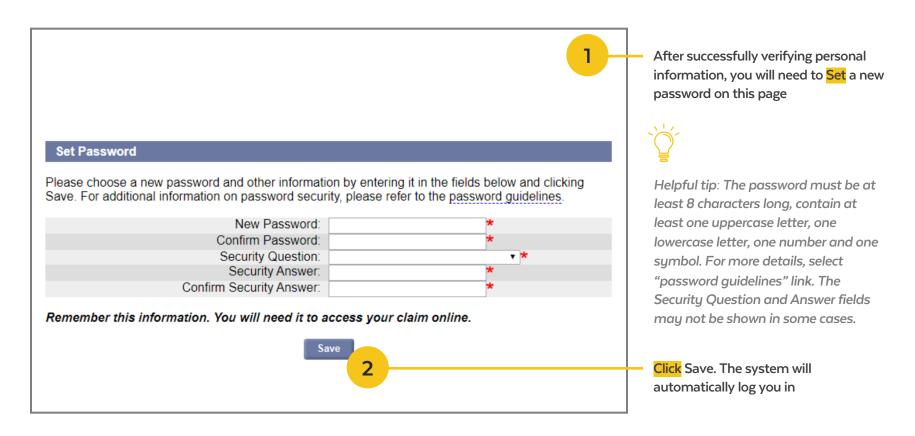


Enter the personal information requested



Helpful tips: The answer to your security question is not case sensitive. The Security Question section may not be shown in some cases. Three attempts can be made to submit personal information. If on the third attempt the system still can't verify the information you've provided, please close your browser and try again the next day. If you cannot recollect the answer to your security question, you will need to contact DUA to confirm your identity. See page 55 for additional information.

Step 3 Password Reset Alternate Method (cont.)



Failed Login

If you are still unable to login after following the instructions in this guide:

- You will need to contact the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) so that a DUA Staff member can help get your password reset.
- To contact DUA, go to the link below and choose one of the presented options. https://www.mass.gov/lists/unemployment-assistance-contact-forms

Visit mass.gov/dua for the most recent information, including:

- Applying for weekly benefits
- Attending virtual town halls for more help
- Contacting the Department of Unemployment Assistance