



Unemployment Compensation for Former Military Service Personnel



To Create a Profile

You may file a new, additional, or reopened claim on the Unemployment Insurance Agency website at Michigan.gov/UIA. Sign in with MiLogin to register, create a profile or access your MiWAM account.

How Retirement Can Affect Your Unemployment Benefits

The Federal government pays 100 percent of all military retirement benefits, including fleet naval reserve retainer pay. Therefore, any retirement benefits you received from your branch of service must be subtracted from your unemployment benefits. Any disability compensation paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs is NOT deductible from your unemployment benefits.

Additional information on filing and maintaining your unemployment benefits can be found in the *Handbook for Unemployed Workers* booklet online at Michigan.gov/UIA.

Federal Requirements for Filing a Claim

- ★ You must have been discharged or released under honorable conditions after completing your first full term of service to qualify for the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers (UCX) program.
- ★ You must file your claim on or after the date shown in item 12(b) on your DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.
- ★ Active duty performed in a reserve status must have been served for a continuous 180 days or more and meet the above requirements.
- ★ If you were discharged or released before completing your first full term of service, you may still be eligible for benefits if the narrative reason for separation on the DD Form 214 is one provided by your branch of service as acceptable for eligibility.

NOTE: Submit a clear, legible copy of your DD Form 214, Member 2, 4, or 6. **Do not submit a Member 1 copy.**

Contact Unemployment Insurance Agency and Michigan Works! Agency:

Unemployment Insurance Agency
1-866-500-0017
Michigan.gov/UIA

Michigan Works! Agency
1-800-285-Work (9675)
MichiganWorks.org

NOTE: If you are a veteran who has served in the military within the past 18 months, and have questions, call the Veteran Hotline at, 1-855-707-8387. This line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can leave a message and a staff member will contact you within 24 hours.



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The **Unemployment Insurance Agency** and the **Michigan Works! Agency (MWA)** are working together to service your re-employment needs. Your obligation while receiving unemployment benefits is to become re-employed.

You do not have to collect unemployment benefits to use MWA services. A full range of priority services can be provided to veterans and qualifying spouses. You can find the address of an MWA Service Center nearest you by calling MWA at 1-800-285-Work (9675).



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This pamphlet is issued for general information only. It does not have the effect of law, regulation, or ruling. If you have any additional questions concerning this program, visit our website at Michigan.gov/UIA or call our toll-free Inquiry Line at 1-866-500-0017 (TTY customers use 1-866-366-0004).

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