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## **Are you an Immigrant Who Lost Work Due to COVID-19?**

**If you have valid work authorization to work in the US, you can qualify for Unemployment Insurance no matter what immigration status you have. Apply now.**

There are other eligibility criteria (besides work authorization status) that everyone must meet in order to get Unemployment Insurance (U.I.). See [here](#) for more information about eligibility in English and Spanish.

**Apply for Unemployment Insurance** on line [here](#) (Click on “File your New Claim”), or call your closest Unemployment Center: Portland Area: (503) 292-2057, Salem Area: (503) 947-1500, Eastern/Central Oregon/Bend: (541) 388-6207, TOLL FREE: (877) 345-3484.

Remember that, **no matter your immigration status, other employment related programs/worker protections may apply to your situation.** See the OLC/LASO Employment Rights Q&A for more information. Also, **you have the right to get help with Unemployment Insurance in your language.** The Oregon Employment Department must provide you with an interpreter if you need one.

**Are you worried that getting Unemployment Insurance could hurt your immigration status in the future, or make you a Public Charge?**

**Unemployment Insurance won't hurt your immigration status, and is NOT considered in the public charge test.** Also, don't forget that many immigrants are exempt from public charge, and many benefits don't count in a public charge inquiry. See the Public Charge Fact Sheet [here](#) for more information.

For other safety net supports (food, medical care, etc) **See our Safety Net Resources sheet.**

**Problems with Unemployment Insurance? Call the OLC/LASO Public Benefits Hotline 1-800-520-5292**