

## Register unemployed

If you wish to apply for unemployment benefits, you must register as unemployed electronically in the specialist portal of the Federal Employment Agency or in person at the employment agency responsible for your place of residence.

### Competent Department

- [Agentur für Arbeit Bremen-Bremerhaven](#)
- [Agentur für Arbeit Bremen-Vegesack](#)
- [Agentur für Arbeit Osterholz-Scharmbeck](#)
- [Bundesagentur für Arbeit](#)

### Basic information

If you register as unemployed, you are generally deemed to have applied for unemployment benefit unless you make a declaration to the contrary. Separate documents are required to apply for unemployment benefit.

It is therefore important that you submit your application at the latest on the 1st day of your unemployment

- register as unemployed electronically in the specialist portal of the Federal Employment Agency or
- come to the employment agency responsible for you to register as unemployed in person.

You can also register as unemployed earlier. However, this is legally possible at the earliest 3 months before you become unemployed.

Please note: Unemployment benefit is paid at the earliest from the day on which you register as unemployed.

It is not a problem if the employment agency is closed at weekends or on public holidays, for example, and you are therefore unable to register as unemployed on the first day after the end of your employment. If you register as unemployed on the next day on which the Employment Agency is open again, your unemployment registration will apply retroactively.

If your unemployment is interrupted for more than 6 weeks, for example because you have found a job or are doing an internship, your unemployment registration is no longer valid. If you are then unemployed again, you must register as unemployed again.

The effect of the unemployment registration expires if you take up gainful employment - regardless of its duration - and have not informed your employment agency of this immediately.

If you are temporarily unable to work and the employment agency is not open on the first day of your recovery, you should register as unemployed on the last day of your incapacity to work at the latest. Otherwise you could suffer disadvantages.

If you are receiving sickness benefit and your health insurance fund has informed you that this entitlement will expire and you cannot resume your previous employment, you can register as unemployed even if you are still on sick leave.

If you are ill or have other health restrictions and are unable to register as unemployed in person, you can also appoint a representative to do this for you. However, you must then report to your employment agency in person as soon as the reason for your incapacity no longer applies. Alternatively, you can of course also make use of the option of electronic unemployment registration.

## **Requirements**

You are unemployed or you expect to become unemployed within the next 3 months.

## **What documents do I need?**

- Electronic unemployment registration:
  - ID document with online ID function, the free ID app2, and a smartphone or card reader.
- Personal unemployment registration:
  - Identity card with current registration address.
  - Passport/replacement document in conjunction with a current registration certificate.

## **Procedure**

Electronic registration for unemployment:

- Register for unemployment electronically on the Federal Employment Agency's specialist portal and book an appointment for a personal meeting with your placement specialist.

Personal unemployment registration:

You must register for unemployment in person at the employment agency responsible for your place of residence:

- Appear in person at your local employment agency during business hours and bring an identification document with a current registration address, such as your ID card. You do not need to make an appointment.

- You will receive the information you need to apply for unemployment benefits and, if necessary, an appointment with your placement specialist. You can apply for unemployment benefits on the website of the Federal Employment Agency.

## **Legal bases**

- [§ 141 Sozialgesetzbuch Drittes Buch \(SGB III\)](#)
- [§ 145 Sozialgesetzbuch Drittes Buch \(SGB III\)](#)
- [§ 323 Sozialgesetzbuch Drittes Buch \(SGB III\)](#)
- [§ 327 Sozialgesetzbuch Drittes Buch \(SGB III\)](#)

## **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

There is no deadline. To avoid disadvantages, you should register for unemployment no later than the 1st day of unemployment.

## **How long does it take to process**

Usually about 10 minutes.

## **What are the costs?**

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