

Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers (UCX)

What is UCX?

UCX is an unemployment insurance (UI) program that provides benefits to former members of the U.S. military who are transitioning to the civilian labor market.

- UCX is available to eligible former members of the U.S. **Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard** (including reserve and National Guard components).
- Former members of the **National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** are also eligible.

Am I Eligible?

To be eligible, you must have:

- been on active duty (or active reserve status) during the base period. For more about the base period, see Claims Filing - Initial Claims FAQs (labor.maryland.gov/employment/claimfaq.shtml).
- completed your first full term of service (or 180 days of continuous active duty for Reservists).
- been honorably discharged.
- meet state UI eligibility requirements. For Maryland eligibility requirements and responsibilities, see the Eligibility Requirements FAQs (labor.maryland.gov/employment/claimfaq.shtml).

How do I apply?

In Maryland, you may file apply for UCX: 1) **online in BEACON** (beacon.labor.maryland.gov/); 2) **by phone at 667-207-6520** (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

- You will need your DD214 form to apply.

Where do I apply?

UCX applicants must file their claim in the state in which they are physically located. If you are currently staying in Maryland, file your UCX claim in Maryland.

How much will I receive?

Your weekly benefit amount (WBA) (a fixed, weekly payment eligible individuals will receive) is based on your earnings in the base period (see the Claims Filing - Initial Claims FAQs (labor.maryland.gov/employment/claimfaq.shtml) for more about the base period).

- In Maryland, the minimum WBA is \$50 and the maximum is \$430.
- Your base period wages from military service are based on your pay grade. An annual Schedule of Remuneration, which outlines pay rates for various pay grades, is used to calculate these wages. This schedule is published by the U.S. Department of Labor (wdr.doleta.gov/directives/).

What should I do to remain eligible for UCX?

To be eligible for UCX in Maryland each week, you must meet Maryland's UI eligibility requirements, which include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• being able and available for work;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• meeting work search requirements;
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• filing weekly claim certifications;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• reporting required payments to the Division; and,
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• accepting suitable work;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• being available and/or contact the Division and/or the Maryland Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL) when instructed.

To learn more about UI requirements, see the **Information for New Claimants** webpage (labor.maryland.gov/employment/new-filers.shtml).

For more about UI in Maryland, see MDunemployment.com or call **667-207-6520**.