Massachusetts: Waiver of One-Week Waiting Period for Claims for Unemployment Benefits

Description of Program and Relief

The normal one-week waiting period has been waived for any person making a claim for unemployment benefits who has become separated from work as a result of any circumstance relating to or resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19 or the effects of the Governor’s related declaration of a State of Emergency.

Government or Lead Agency

Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

Department of Unemployment Assistance

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

In addition to normal requirements concerning unemployment benefits, the worker needs to have been separated from work due to COVID-19 or the State of Emergency.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

This waiver will no longer be available 90 days after the termination of the declared State of Emergency.

List of Additional Information

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-guidance-and-directives#health-care-professionals-&-organizations-


https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/S2598