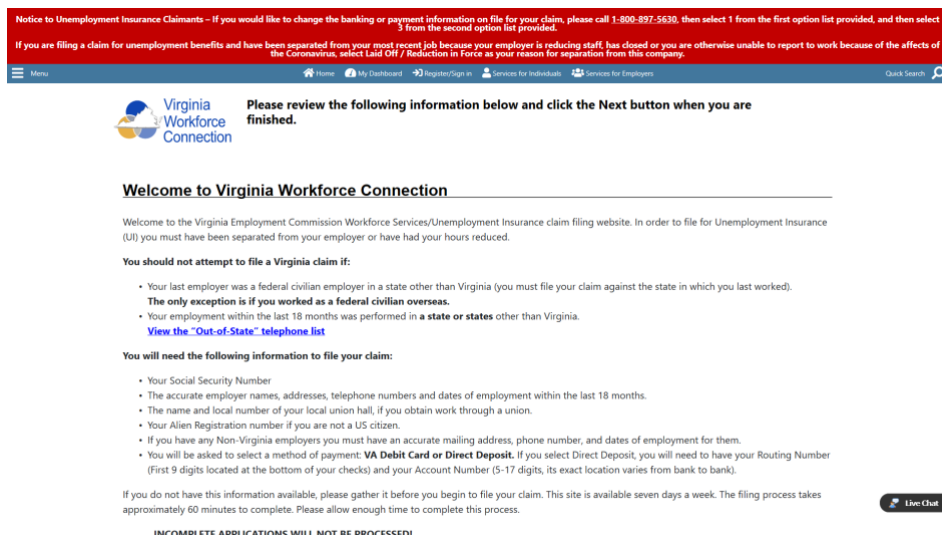
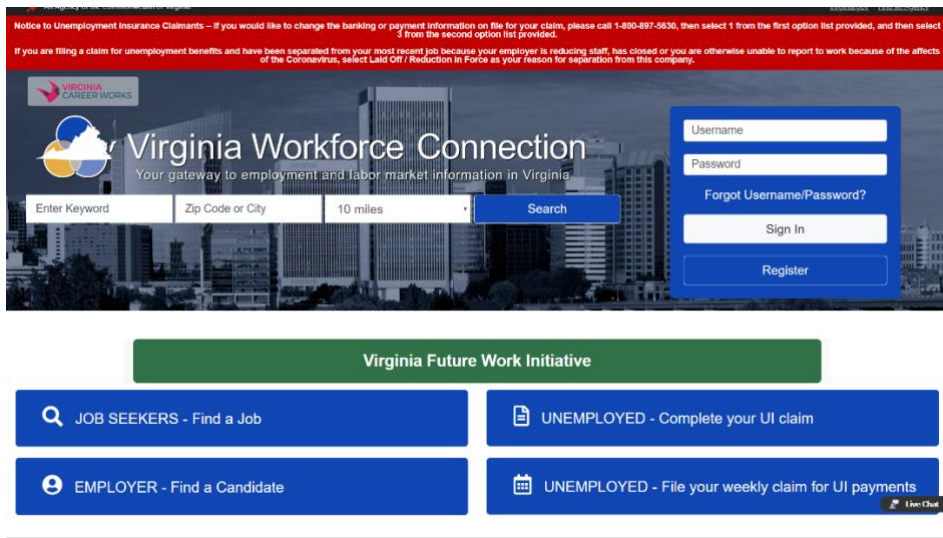


How to Apply for Emergency Unemployment:

***** Beginning with claims effective March 15, 2020, Governor Northam has directed that the one week waiting period and the requirement to conduct a weekly job search both be suspended for those receiving unemployment insurance benefits. *****

1. Go to <https://www.vawc.virginia.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx>
2. Scroll down to the row labeled **UNEMPLOYED- Complete your UI claim** and click it



(Read all the information on this page^, you will need to know or have certain information in order to fill out the claim)

3. Click the next button at the bottom of the page.
4. You will then be prompted to fill out your social security number.

The screenshot shows the Virginia Workforce Connection website interface. At the top, there is a red banner with a notice to unemployment insurance claimants. Below the banner, the website header includes navigation links like Home, My Dashboard, Register/Sign in, and Services for Individuals/Employers. The main content area features the Virginia Workforce Connection logo and a heading: "We need to verify whether you are in the system or not - Please enter your social security number and click Next to continue." Below this is a progress bar for the "Unemployment Insurance Claim Filing Process" with steps: Eligibility, Registration, Work History, Certification, and Complete. The "Eligibility" step is highlighted in green. Below the progress bar, there are two input fields for the Social Security Number (SSN) and a "Re-enter Social Security Number" field. There are also "Back" and "Next" buttons. At the bottom, there is a footer with various links and a "Live Chat" button.

5. After putting your social security number in, it will ask you loads of questions using 5 different sections, including personal information, employment information, eligibility information, unemployment instructions, and preferred method of payment.
6. In the work history section, when asked, it is **IMPORTANT** to put your reason for separation from your job, if you were laid off or your hours were reduced due to COVID-19 to select [**Laid Off/Reduction in Force**].
7. After filling in all your information, file your claim.