

## Unemployment Benefits for Federal Employees: A Quick Guide

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### General Information & Filing Claims

- **Start Here for General Info:** [Unemployment Benefits](#) or <https://unemployment.oesc.ok.gov>
- **Office Locations:** [Oklahoma Works - American Job Center Locations](#) or <https://oklahoma.gov/oesc/locations>
- **File a Claim:** [Unemployment Claim Filing Link](#) or <https://unemployment.oesc.ok.gov>
- **Create an Account to Search for Work:** [www.EmployOklahoma.gov](http://www.EmployOklahoma.gov)

**Wage Calculation for Federal Employees:** To ensure accurate wage calculation, federal employees must submit:

- **SF8 (Separation Form 8)**
- **SF50 (Separation Form 50)**
- **Most Recent W2**

These documents should be faxed to **405-962-7524** with a cover letter that includes:

- **Claimant's Name**
- **Claim ID Number**

Alternatively, the documents can be brought to **any Oklahoma Works American Job Center (AJC)**.

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### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **I just filed my claim, why does it say I don't have wages on file?**
  - Unemployment benefits are calculated based on earnings. Civilian wages in Oklahoma are included in the calculation. However, **federal wages** are not available until requested after the claim is filed. To expedite the process, please submit your **SF8, SF50, and most recent W2**.
2. **I am a federal employee. In what state can I file my unemployment?**
  - Federal claims are filed against the state in which the claimant worked for the Federal Government. If you have subsequent covered employment in another state, the claim should be filed in that state. For federal employees working outside the U.S., file in the state where you reside at the time of filing.

### 3. What if I worked outside the U.S.?

- If you worked outside the U.S., file your claim in the state where you reside at the time of the claim.
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#### Important Notes

- **Federal claims can take longer to process**, as states are reliant on the Feds to provide the wages necessary to qualify a claimant monetarily after the claim is filed.
- **FEMA Employees:** File against the state where you performed the work. FEMA employees are considered federal employees.
- **U.S. Marshal Service Employees:** These individuals may be considered contract labor. To determine eligibility, send in the **SF8, SF50**, and we will process the claim.
- **Third-Party Contractors for Federal Government:** Employees of third-party companies that contract with the federal government are considered civilian employees and should file in the state where those wages are reported.