

SUPPLEMENTARY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT INFORMATION SHEET

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many in our community were unemployed, due to no fault of their own. The Government of Bermuda immediately implemented the 16-week unemployment benefit to support families during this difficult time.

Now as the unemployment benefit comes to an end, the Government is aware that many in our community are still in need of assistance. To address this, the Government has allocated funds for individuals in need of further financial support.

The details of the Supplemental Unemployment Benefit are as follow.

1. The Supplementary Unemployment Benefit is only for Bermudians and Spouses of Bermudians who do not qualify for support through the Department of Financial Assistance yet still require financial assistance from the Government.
2. To confirm eligibility for the Supplementary Unemployment Benefit, applicants must undergo a means test administered by the Department of Financial Assistance. The eligibility requirements for the Supplementary Unemployment Benefit are different from Financial Assistance, and determinations will be made based on individual merit. Ineligibility for Financial Assistance does not mean a person will not be eligible for the Supplementary Unemployment Benefit.
3. To be clear individuals only need to submit one application packet to the Department of Financial Assistance. So if you have applied for Financial Assistance no further documentation is required.

4. Supplementary Unemployment Benefit recipients will receive a flat monthly payment for persons with Health Insurance. Persons without Health Insurance will receive it in addition to their flat monthly payment.
5. Individuals approved for the Supplementary Unemployment Benefit will be paid monthly.
6. The Supplementary Unemployment Benefit program will run until 31, March 2021. Persons on the program must immediately notify the Government when commencing any form of employment.
7. The application process is as follows:
 - i. Collect an application Monday to Thursday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm from the Department of Financial Assistance (Financial Assistance) on the first floor of Global House, 43 Church Street, Hamilton.
 - ii. Individuals unable to collect an application may contact the Department of Financial Assistance Hotline at **297-7867** to make alternative arrangements.
 - iii. Complete the application forms 100% to be considered for assistance.
 - iv. Once completed, submit the documents by placing them into the mailbox located on the first floor Global House at the Department of Financial Assistance.
 - v. All applications will be vetted and applicants notified accordingly.
 - vi. If your application is successful you will begin receiving the approved monthly award payments.
 - vii. The program uses a cashless system paying directly into your bank account.

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