



# Collecting Unemployment Benefits While Serving As An Election Judge

## Are you a Colorado election judge currently receiving Unemployment Insurance?

Serving as an election judge in Colorado is a paid position, so wages earned as an election judge could impact either your eligibility for unemployment insurance benefit or the amount of your benefit payment. As each individual's circumstances are different and wages for election judges are determined by counties, it is important you understand how any income earned as an election judge could impact your eligibility for unemployment benefits.

## What is the law?

Recent Colorado legislation determined that the wages earned as a Colorado election judge are reportable based on a benchmark set by federal law. Therefore, according to federal Unemployment Compensation law, Colorado election judges **may earn up to \$1000** in a calendar year before their unemployment benefit is impacted.

## What does that mean for me?

If you're receiving unemployment insurance benefits and are working as an election judge in Colorado, up to the first \$1000 of your election judge wages (*pre-tax*) **are not reportable** as wages to the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment (CDLE).

## What do I need to do?

Keep track of all the income you receive while working as an election judge. Upon requesting payment via your MyUI Claimant account, **DO NOT report to CDLE the first \$999** that you earn in this position; **ONLY** report the income to CDLE after you have made **\$1000 or more**. CDLE will then determine how it will affect your weekly benefit payment.

## How do I report my wages?

To learn more about calculating wages, visit [cdle.colorado.gov/working-and-collecting](https://cdle.colorado.gov/working-and-collecting)

## What resources will help me find additional employment?

Make sure you are registered with a Colorado Workforce Center. Workforce Centers provide free access to computer resources, career counseling, resume writing, interview skills building, job-search strategies, training opportunities, and potential job connections. Find a workforce center at [cdle.colorado.gov/wfc](https://cdle.colorado.gov/wfc).

The CDLE website offers resources, services, and programs to assist you in your career search and development. Please visit the "*Find a Job*" website at [cdle.colorado.gov/jobs-training/find-a-job](https://cdle.colorado.gov/jobs-training/find-a-job).