

Unemployment benefits

Basic Unemployment Allowance/Labour Market Subsidy



You can file the claim and related documentation also online at www.kela.fi/asiointi (in Finnish) or www.fpa.fi/etjanst (in Swedish).

More information is available at www.kela.fi/unemployment

You can calculate the amount of the benefit at www.kela.fi/laskurit (in Finnish) or www.fpa.fi/berakningar (in Swedish)



Please make sure to complete the claim carefully. Attach all necessary documentation.

We may contact you for further information if necessary.

You can send the claim and any supporting documents by mail www.kela.fi/by-mail



If you have questions, please call our customer service number www.kela.fi/phone-numbers

- i** Any documentation you have submitted to the Employment and Economic Development Office is not available to Kela.
- i** If you have not previously claimed benefits from Kela and have moved to Finland, also complete the Y 77 form. If you are about to travel abroad, also complete the Y 38 form (see the form for instructions).

When to claim: Unemployment benefits are available retrospectively for a maximum of 3 months from the date of the claim.

1. Claimant

Personal identity code

Family name and given name

Phone number

E-mail address

Give the personal identity codes of your children under the age of 18. Also indicate any under-age children of your spouse or partner who are living in the same household as you.

- i** Kela retrieves address data from the population data system.

2. Account number**3. Claim**

I wish to claim unemployment benefit as from _____._____.

Have you registered with an Employment and Economic Development Office (TE Office) as unemployed and looking for work?

 Yes No

- i** You must register as unemployed and looking for work. Unemployment benefits can only be paid for periods in which you are registered with an Employment and Economic Development Office as unemployed and looking for work.

I am

 unemployed and not working at all furloughed/laid off temporarily employed irregularly or on a part-time basis self-employed in other activity agreed with the Employment and Economic Development Office, such as labour market training or work try-out Other situation, please describe: _____

Are you a member of an unemployment fund?

 No Yes, since _____._____ Name of the unemployment fund: _____

- i** Check with your fund whether you are entitled to an earnings-related unemployment allowance.

I have been paid earnings-related unemployment allowance for the maximum period of time.

4. Period preceding unemployment

- i** Your previous employment is the basis for determining whether you qualify for basic unemployment allowance. If you have been employed for at least 26 weeks in a job that counts towards the condition regarding the terms of employment or worked at least 15 months as a self-employed person, you qualify for the basic unemployment allowance. If the period of paid employment or self-employment that counts towards the condition regarding the terms of employment is shorter, you may be granted labour market subsidy.

Before becoming unemployed, I was

- employed for 26 weeks or more during the previous 28 months (reference period). The condition regarding the terms of employment is met.
- employed for fewer than 26 weeks. The condition regarding the terms of employment is not met.
- self-employed for 15 months or more during the previous 48 months (reference period). The condition regarding the terms of employment is met.
- self-employed for fewer than 15 months. The condition regarding the terms of employment is not met.
- The above period includes employment abroad. Please state in which country.

- i** Work performed in Finland counts towards the condition. Work performed in another EU/EEA country or in Switzerland may also often do so. Submit certificate U1 (Certificate concerning the periods to be taken into account for the granting of unemployment benefits) from the country of employment in order to speed up the claims process. For further information, see www.kela.fi/unemployment.

- The aforementioned period includes work in a company owned in full or in part by a family member.

- i** Here family member means spouse or partner, or child, parent or grandparent who lives in the same household.

Name of company: _____

Owner of company: _____

- Before becoming unemployed, I did not work during the following period: _____ - _____.

Please indicate your reason for not working.

- studies illness child care military/alternative civilian service

other reason, please specify: _____

- i** The 28/48-month reference period for meeting the condition regarding the terms of employment may be extended for example for the reasons stated above.

5. Employment history for the basic unemployment allowance

Have you worked for more than 3 years? Yes No

Have you worked for at least 5 years during the previous 20 years? Yes No

Basic unemployment allowance can be paid

- for up to 300 days if you have been at work for a maximum of 3 years in total

- for up to 400 days if you have been at work for more than 3 years in total

- for up to 500 days, if you have met the condition regarding the terms of employment after reaching the age of 58 and you have at least 5 years of employment during the previous 20 years.

6. Income during unemployment

- i** Benefits received from Kela and wage income need not be reported. Kela obtains salary information and information on copyright royalties directly from the national incomes register.

During the period of unemployment, will you be paid

income from business or self-employment? No Yes

wage or compensation from abroad, such as a pension or social security benefit? No Yes

- i** We will request the necessary supporting documents while processing the claim.



Is your spouse or partner paid child home care allowance?

No Yes

Has your spouse or partner claimed child home care allowance?

No Yes

If you do not meet the condition regarding the terms of employment, please answer the questions below.

Have you completed a vocational qualification or a degree of higher education?

No Yes. Please specify: _____

i If you have not completed any vocational training or course of higher education, a waiting period of 21 weeks may be applied as regards the labour market subsidy. The waiting period can be shortened by, for instance, paid work or self-employment that counts towards the condition regarding the terms of employment, and for this reason it is worthwhile to submit details on any employment spells. No waiting period is applied, if the labour market subsidy starts directly after the maximum period of earnings-related unemployment allowance or basic unemployment allowance has been reached.

Will you have regular income during the period of unemployment?

No Yes. What type of income?

Income from investments, such as rental income, dividends or interest income

i If you have rental income, include the rental agreement or receipt as well as proof of payment for any landlord expenses such as heating, water or maintenance charge.

If you have interest income, you must provide verification for deposits that exceed €2,000.

Compensations for services, such as those paid for attending a meeting or serving in a position of trust. Please specify.

 Compensation for informal or family caregiver

Compensation from voluntary insurance

Other income. Please specify.

7. Your parents' income

If you live with your parents, answer the following questions. You can skip them if you participate in an activity agreed with the Employment and Economic Development Office. If your parents have income in excess of €1,781 per month, it may affect the amount of labour market subsidy due to you. If you do not provide information about your parents' income, you will be awarded 50% of the labour market subsidy that would otherwise be due to you.

I will provide details on form TT1ce (Notification - Parents' income - Labour market subsidy).

I will not provide details about my parents' income.

8. Period of unemployment

i Please fill in the schedule below detailing your daily status during unemployment, including Saturdays and Sundays. Complete the schedule starting from the first day of unemployment and ending when you submit your claim to Kela. You can file a claim after one week of unemployment.

Indicate if you participate in an activity agreed with the Employment and Economic Development Office, e.g., labour market training, job try-out, rehabilitative work activity, or if you have been absent from the agreed activity as well as the reason for the absence (own illness, illness of your child, other reason). Absence from training or studies need not be reported. **If the absence due to your illness lasts for more than 3 consecutive days of participation, you should submit a certificate from a doctor or nurse to Kela.**

State how many hours per day you have been working. You can earn up to €300 per month or €279 per 4 weeks without it affecting your unemployment benefit.

Example

Date	Description	hrs	min	Date	Description	hrs	min	Date	Description	hrs	min
Mon 8/10	<i>unemployed</i>			Mon /				Mon /			
Tue 9/10	<i>absent</i>			Tue /				Tue /			
Wed 10/10	<i>rehabilitative work activity</i>			Wed /				Wed /			
Thu 11/10	<i>employed</i>	7	15	Thu /				Thu /			
Fri 12/10	<i>absent/illness</i>			Fri /				Fri /			
Sat 13/10	<i>unemployed</i>			Sat /				Sat /			
Sun 14/10	<i>unemployed</i>			Sun /				Sun /			
Date	Description	hrs	min	Date	Description	hrs	min	Date	Description	hrs	min
Mon /				Mon /				Mon /			
Tue /				Tue /				Tue /			
Wed /				Wed /				Wed /			
Thu /				Thu /				Thu /			
Fri /				Fri /				Fri /			
Sat /				Sat /				Sat /			
Sun /				Sun /				Sun /			

Changes during the period of unemployment

I will start self-employment that lasts more than 2 weeks on _____._____.

I will start full-time work that lasts more than 2 weeks on _____._____.


I will start studying on _____._____.

I will start military or alternative civilian service on _____._____.

Other reason. Please specify:



9. Additional information

 Write the number of the section you are referring to.

Additional information on a separate sheet. Write your name and personal identity code on the sheet.

10. Signature

I declare that the information I have given is true and accurate. I will notify any changes.

Place and date

Signature



Information obtained for the purpose of deciding the present matter may be used for other benefit determinations, if so required under law. Conversely, any information obtained within the context of another benefit may be used to decide the present matter.

Please contact Kela for more information about which outside sources we may access to obtain additional information about your circumstances and to whom we may provide such information.