

Questions and Answers for State Unemployment Insurance Agencies

1. Question: What documentation is acceptable from furloughed Federal employees as proof of employment and wages for a UCFE claim?

Answer: Normally, furloughed Federal employees should provide copies of the Standard Form-8 (SF-8) or the Standard Form-50 (SF-50) when filing for UCFE; however, due to the circumstances involved with this partial Federal government shutdown, many of these employees may not have been issued either the SF-8 or an SF-50. Further, given the very limited Federal human resources staff that is working in the impacted agencies during the shutdown, the processing of the states' *Request for Wage and Separation Information*, ES 931, may be delayed. Therefore, states are encouraged to have claimants complete an affidavit to establish their employment and wages using earnings and leave statement(s), W-2 forms and/or other types of documentation that can establish that the individual is a current Federal employee and has worked and earned sufficient base period wages to qualify for benefits.