

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.