

# **Quick UI Infolinks for Employers and Third-Party Agents**

## **Appeals**

You may file an appeal with the Lower Appeals Division (<u>labor.maryland.gov/uiappeals/</u>) if you disagree with a determination.

Contact: by phone at **410-767-2421**, by fax at **410-225-9781**, or by email at <u>UILowerAppeals.Labor@maryland.gov</u>.

 If you disagree with a Lower Appeals decision, you may appeal it to the Board of Appeals (labor.maryland.gov/uiappeals/apboard.shtml).

Contact: by phone at 410-767-2781 or by email at <a href="mailto:dluiboardappeals-labor@maryland.gov">dluiboardappeals-labor@maryland.gov</a>.

## **BEACON**

**BEACON** is a fully modernized unemployment insurance (UI) system that integrates benefits, appeals, and tax functionalities.

To sign in or activate an account, visit BEACON (employer.beacon.labor.md.gov/).

In BEACON, employers can:

Submit required reports and information, as well as supporting documents	<ul> <li>Respond to Requests for Separation Information</li> </ul>
Submit wage reports and pay contributions	File appeals, and much more

For information about activating a BEACON account, see:

• Employers and Third-Party Agents Account Activation Information (<a href="mailto:labor.maryland.gov/uim/employer/uimempacctact.shtml">labor.maryland.gov/uim/employer/uimempacctact.shtml</a>).

For more information about using BEACON, see:

 BEACON Employer and Third-Party Agent Tutorial Videos (labor.maryland.gov/employment/uitaxapps.shtml#empvideos).

#### Contact Information

• **Employer Call Center**: Receive answers to your questions about experience rates, tax enforcement, benefit charge correspondence, reimbursing employers, and much more.

Call 410-949-0033, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Virtual Assistant (VA): Receive immediate, automated answers to common inquiries or chat with a claims agent. VA is available 24/7. However, the chat feature is available Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To use VA, select the blue "Chat with us" button at the bottom right of the Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance (Division) homepage (www.MDunemployment.com).

## **Contributions**

A **contributory employer** pays quarterly UI taxes, which are based on the employer's benefit charges and taxable wages (for details, see <a href="https://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/uicontributoryemployers.pdf">www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/uicontributoryemployers.pdf</a>).

**Note: A reimbursable employer** (government entities and certain non-profit organizations) may choose to reimburse for benefits charged against their account.

Contributory employers can view their UI tax rate information and benefit charges in **BEACON**.

- For the current tax table, see: <u>labor.maryland.gov/employment/uitrustfundpoints.shtml</u>.
- For information about rates and benefit charge statements, see: labor.maryland.gov/employment/uitaxexpratefags.shtml.

## **Information Needed From Employers**

- Request for Separation Information: If an employee files a Maryland UI claim, the Division will request information from the employer through a Request for Separation Information notice. To learn more, see the Employer Layoff Obligations flyer (labor.maryland.gov/employment/uiemplayoffobligationsflyer.pdf).
- Report New Hires: Employers are required to report new hires and rehires in Maryland to the Maryland State Directory of New Hires (<u>mdnewhire.com</u>).
- Quarterly Contribution Report: In Maryland, contributory employers must file Quarterly Contribution Reports and should use <u>BEACON</u> to do so. To learn more, see the Employers' General UI Contributions Information and Definitions webpage (<u>labor.maryland.gov/employment/empfaq.shtml#file</u>).

# **MD Unemployment for Employers Mobile App**

- Download from the iOS App Store (<a href="https://apps.apple.com/us/app/md-unemployment-for-employers/id1534099637">https://apps.apple.com/us/app/md-unemployment-for-employers/id1534099637</a>)
- Download from the Google Play Store
   (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.maryland.ui.employer)

# **Report Fraud**

- To report fraud to the Division, submit a **Request for Investigation of Unemployment Insurance Fraud** (<u>labor.maryland.gov/forms/uifraudtipform.pdf</u>).
- To learn more, see the Employers Prevent Costly UI flyer (labor.maryland.gov/employment/uiemppreventcostlyuifraudflyer.pdf).

### **UI Resources**

- Division Website (<u>MDunemployment.com</u>)
- Employers' Quick Reference Guide (<u>labor.maryland.gov/employment/empguide/empguide.pdf</u>)
- Flyers, Forms & Publications for Employers & Third-Party Agents (<a href="mailto:labor.maryland.gov/employment/uitaxpub.shtml">labor.maryland.gov/employment/uitaxpub.shtml</a>)
- Helpful Resources for Employers (<u>labor.maryland.gov/employment/uitaxresources.shtml</u>)