

FAQ's on Filing for Unemployment Benefits On-line

When filing for unemployment benefits on-line for the first time, faculty may find several items confusing. The chart below gives answers and rationales to the most frequently questions.

#	Question	How to Answer	Rationale
22	Are you a member of a Union?	No	This question is relevant only to "job shoppers," such as plumbers and electricians whose unions look for work for them. FA does not provide job search services for faculty so the answer is "no."
27	Last Date Worked	Date of your last final exam	You can file immediately after your last final exam. However, your benefit will not start until the following week.
28	Reason No Longer Working	Laid Off/Lack of Work	As a temporary, part-time community college instructor, you are essentially laid off at the end of a term without reasonable assurance of reemployment; even if you have received a job offer for the subsequent term, that offer may be rescinded: employment is based on funding and enrollment, and a full-time instructor can bump a part-timer to make load.
28a	Provide a brief explanation	End of term with no reasonable assurance of reemployment.	(see 28 rationale above)
29	Do you expect to return to work for a former employer?	No	(see 28 rationale above)
30	Do you have a date to start work?	No	(see 28 rationale above)
31	Are you an employee of a school, educational institution, or training facility?	No	(see 28 rationale above)
40	Are you currently attending or are you planning to attend school or training?	No	EDD might conclude that if you are attending school then you may not be available for work so deny benefits.