

# BEACON for Claimants

## What is BEACON?

**BEACON** is the Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance (the Division) unemployment insurance (UI) system which includes *benefits, appeals, and contributions* functions. Claimants, employers, third-party agents, and Division staff use BEACON. For more information, see the BEACON System section on the Division website ([www.MDunemployment.com](http://www.MDunemployment.com)).

## What can I do in BEACON?

Most UI tasks can be performed online, 24/7, in BEACON. **Claimants can use BEACON to:**

- File initial claims for all program types
- File weekly claim certifications
- Submit supporting documents
- Receive immediate claim status updates
- Retrieve correspondence and other claimant information
- Respond to fact-finding requests for information
- Update account details
- Update requests for tax withholding
- File appeals
- Review benefit payment history
- Track and pay overpayments
- Access UI claim information 24/7

## How can I access BEACON?

To access BEACON, log in to the BEACON claimant portal at <https://beacon.labor.maryland.gov/beacon/claimant-page.html>

## How do I get started with BEACON?

A claimant must create a BEACON account to use BEACON'S features.

- To create an account, go to the BEACON claimant login website (<https://beacon.labor.maryland.gov/beacon/claimant-page.html>).
- Select "Get Started with BEACON" and follow the prompts.



## How do I use BEACON?

The Division created several resources to help you use BEACON, including:

- BEACON Claimant Tutorial Videos ([labor.maryland.gov/employment/uibeaconvideo.shtml](http://labor.maryland.gov/employment/uibeaconvideo.shtml))
- BEACON Claimant User Guide ([labor.maryland.gov/employment/uibeaconclaimantguide.pdf](http://labor.maryland.gov/employment/uibeaconclaimantguide.pdf))
- BEACON Glossary of Terms ([labor.maryland.gov/employment/uibeaconglossary.pdf](http://labor.maryland.gov/employment/uibeaconglossary.pdf))

For additional assistance, see [MDunemployment.com](http://MDunemployment.com) or call a live agent at **667-207-6520**.