

Holiday and Benefit Payment Schedule

Any time there is a holiday when either New Hampshire Employment Security offices are closed, or there is no US Postal Service delivery due to a Federal holiday, the issuance of eligible benefit payments is impacted. This includes both electronic direct deposit and paper checks that are normally mailed.

Weekly claims, also known as Continued Claims, filed on Saturday or Sunday are normally processed on Monday evening and eligible benefit payments and documents issued on Tuesday morning. When a holiday falls on a Monday and NH Employment Security and/or the US Post Office is closed, all Saturday, Sunday and Monday claims are processed Tuesday evening. Thus, eligible benefit payments and any documents are issued on Wednesday morning.

Traditional Monday Holidays:

- Civil Right's Day (3rd Monday in January)
- President's Day (3rd Monday in February)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
- Labor Day (1st Monday in September)
- Columbus Day (2nd Monday in October)

Note: Although NH Employment Security is open on Columbus Day, no benefit payments or documents are processed that day, as it is a Federal and bank holiday.

Thanksgiving Day Weekend (4th Thursday & Friday in November):

New Hampshire Employment Security offices are closed Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. Claims filed on Wednesday are processed Wednesday evening and eligible benefit payments and documents are issued the following Monday morning. All claims filed on Thanksgiving Day, Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday are processed Monday evening and eligible benefit payments and documents are issued on Tuesday morning.

To best ensure that eligible payment is not delayed due to this holiday, it is recommended that the weekly claim, also known as Continued Claim, be filed on the Sunday or Monday preceding Thanksgiving Day. Sunday is the earliest that a Continued Claim can be filed requesting payment for the prior week.

Calendar Date Holidays:

- New Years Day, January 1: (Legal Holiday is Friday December 31 when the calendar date Jan 1 falls on a Saturday. Or Monday January 2 when calendar date Jan 1 falls on a Sunday).
- Independence Day, July 4: (Legal Holiday is Friday July 3 when the calendar date July 4 falls on a Saturday. Or Monday July 5 when calendar date July 4 falls on a Sunday).
- Veteran's Day, November 11: (Legal Holiday is Friday November 10 when the calendar date Nov 11 falls on a Saturday. Or Monday November 12 when calendar date Nov 11 falls on a Sunday):
- Christmas Day, December 25 (Legal Holiday is Friday December 24 when the calendar date Dec 25 falls on a Saturday. Or Monday December 26 when calendar date Dec 25 falls on a Sunday).