

How do I requalify for benefits?

Closing a disqualification on your unemployment claim

If the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) disqualifies you from receiving unemployment insurance (UI) benefits on a prior claim because of your job separation or other reasons, you may be able to close the disqualification through **work or wages after you do all of the following**:

- Go back to work in “employment” after your disqualification begins;
- Earn wages equal to **six times** your weekly benefit amount **or** work at **least 30 hours** a week for six weeks;
- Give TWC **proof** of your work or earnings and **request** we close the disqualification.

To receive benefits after closing a disqualification, you must have a qualifying separation from your last job or fulfill the work and earning requirements described above while you are working at a part-time job.

TWC cannot pay you benefits for the time between the beginning of the disqualification and the time that you meet the requirements to close the disqualification.

You can use work or wages from most types of “employment” to close the disqualification. You **cannot use wages** from work the [Texas Unemployment Compensation Act](#) (TUCA) excludes from its definition of employment.

Examples of work that **cannot** be used to close a disqualification include work:

- In domestic service, if the employer pays less than \$1,000 in wages during a calendar quarter for all domestic services;
- For yourself;
- For your son, daughter, or spouse;
- For a church; or
- As an insurance agent paid only by commission.

For details on whether you can use your wages to requalify, call a Tele-Center at 1-800-939-6631.



Is a job cleaning houses considered ‘employment’?

It depends. Domestic service in a private home, a local college club, or college fraternity or sorority house is not “employment” for the purposes of qualifying for benefits, **unless** the employer pays at least \$1,000 in wages during a calendar quarter for all domestic services.

In those cases, TWC can use a domestic service worker’s wages to end a disqualification.