

Rules for free unemployment insurance fund for students

- You must be at least 18 years of age. There are special rules for free unemployment insurance funds if you have reached the age of 30. If necessary, contact the unemployment insurance fund for further information.
- You are not allowed to receive public benefits (rehabilitation, cash assistance or disability assistance).
- Your education must entitle you to graduate admission to an unemployment insurance fund.
- You have a maximum annual income of DKK 236,736 annually (2023).
- An exemption is granted for 1 year at a time for up to a total of max. 5 years.

You can receive unemployment benefit as a recent graduate if you:

- Are registered with the unemployment insurance fund.
- Have completed your education.
- Have resided in Denmark immediately before the start of the education.
- Have resided in Denmark no later than 14 days after completion of the education.
- Within 14 days of completing the education, request a change of status to newly graduated via the Member Portal on tl.dk. Note: If you are not already a member of the unemployment insurance fund, you must join as 'newly graduated' via tl.dk within 14 days of completing your education. If in doubt, please contact us.
- Meet the general conditions for unemployment benefits, including availability for the labor market.

Financial advantage of early enrolment

If you join the unemployment insurance fund at least one year before the end of your education, you can apply for unemployment benefit as soon as you have completed your education. Otherwise, you can only receive unemployment benefit 1 month after completion of the education. Please note that you must still apply for admission as a recent graduate/change status to 'newly graduated' in the unemployment insurance fund no later than 14 days after completion of the education in order to be entitled to unemployment benefits, even if you are already a member of the unemployment insurance fund. As a graduate, you get DKK 14,106 (2023) in unemployment benefits and DKK 16,177, (2023) if you are the primary provider.

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