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**UPDATE:** The waiver program is no longer available. If you have an overpayment that you disagree with, you can submit an appeal. All overpayment notices contain instructions for how to appeal. Be prepared to submit additional documentation to support your case.

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# Unemployment Claimants with Overpayments Can Now Apply for Waivers

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Unemployment claimants with non-fraud overpayments that they received at no fault of their own can now request waivers that, if approved, would absolve the claimant from repaying those funds to the state. Money will be returned to claimants who qualify for a waiver but who previously repaid the overpayment.

"Federal changes in unemployment rules, criteria, and claims volume resulted in widespread overpayments of benefits across the nation," Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder said. "We know that created a tremendous amount of stress for those already struggling, and these waivers will offer relief to individuals with valid unemployment claims whose overpayments were not their fault."

ODJFS officials have begun notifying individuals, by U.S. mail or electronically, who are potentially eligible and are providing them with detailed instructions for how to apply. Later this summer, once system programming is complete, the waiver applications will be reviewed, and approved waivers honored.

Notifications are being sent to claimants in the traditional unemployment program and the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. If approved, all portions of overpayments could be waived, including the supplemental weekly $600 and $300 payments that were previously available as a result of federal stimulus legislation. Those who received Trade, SharedWork Ohio, and other types of unemployment benefits also may be eligible for waivers.

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