

2026 Definition of Suitable Work



In Kentucky, unemployment insurance claimants must accept offers of suitable work. Under state law, “suitable work” meets the following requirements*:

- The job is offered to a claimant who has received at least six (6) weeks of benefits during their present period of unemployment;
- The job pays at least 120% of the claimant’s weekly benefit amount;
- The job is located within 30 miles of the claimant’s residence or is work that can be completed remotely on a permanent basis; and
- The claimant is qualified to do the job, even if they have no related experience or training.

Example: Your weekly benefit amount is \$300; after you have received at least six (6) weeks of benefits, you must accept any job that is within 30 miles of your residence that pays at least \$360 per week. If you do not accept a job fitting this description, you risk becoming ineligible for further benefit payments.

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*As of 2023 legislative session; see [House Bill 146](#).