

U.S. Bank ReliaCard®

Frequently asked questions

Get answers to your questions about receiving unemployment benefits on a U.S. Bank ReliaCard.

Getting your unemployment benefits on the ReliaCard

Many states offer the U.S. Bank ReliaCard as a secure alternative to issuing a paper check for unemployment benefits. Instead of waiting for the check to arrive and then going to the bank to cash or deposit it, your funds are automatically deposited to this reloadable prepaid debit card.

Due to the unprecedented surge in COVID-19-related unemployment claims, we've seen an increase in both unemployment claims and requests for the ReliaCard. Our call centers have been fielding an influx of calls with questions about the ReliaCard. Here are quick answers to some of the most common questions.

When will I get my ReliaCard?

We're working closely with participating states to get the cards distributed as quickly as possible. Once we receive the file from the state, we mail your ReliaCard within two business days. Please allow seven to ten days for the postal service to deliver the card to you.

Check with your state agency for more information on unemployment claim processing or other government benefit payments.

How do I activate my ReliaCard once I receive it?

You can activate your card on the ReliaCard website or on the mobile app

- To activate your card on the **ReliaCard website**, click **Activate Card**
- From the mobile app, click **Setup Online Access/Activate New Card**.
- You will be prompted to create a password.
 - Choose one that is at least eight characters long and includes at least one of each: an upper case letter, a lower case letter, a number and a special character.
 - Avoid having sequential numbers, such as 1234, or repeating characters, such as 111 or aaa.
 - Carefully enter your password.
 - Keep your password in a safe place for future reference.

Will my funds be available when I receive my card?

In some cases, you may receive your ReliaCard before the funds are loaded to the card. Your card will be funded two to three business days after your state agency has approved your claim. You can monitor the status of your claim and payments by checking your state's website. Enroll in alerts to be notified via a text¹ message or email when a deposit has been received. See [How can I keep track of the availability of funds and other activity on my account](#) question below.

How do I access my funds and get cash?

There are several ways:



Use your card to make purchases anywhere Visa® and Mastercard® debit cards are accepted.



Some merchants will allow you to get cash back when you use your card to make a purchase.



Withdraw cash from ATMs. Check the ReliaCard mobile app or usbankreliacard.com for a list of surcharge-free ATMs.



How can I keep track of the availability of funds and other activity on my account?

The best way to monitor activity on your ReliaCard, including the availability of funds, is to sign up for email or text¹ alerts.

You can receive alerts about:

- Funds added to your account
- Low balance
- Pre-authorizations
- Purchase transactions
- Purchase declines
- Purchases made without card present
- Transactions made outside of the United States

To sign up for email or text¹ alerts, follow the prompts when you activate your card. You can sign up for alerts via the cardholder website or mobile app.

You can also text the following to 90831

- Text "BAL" for your balance.
- Text "TRANS" for recent transactions.
- Text "HELP" for customer service.

Can I make my mortgage or rent payment with my ReliaCard?

Yes. Follow these steps:

- Log in to usbankreliacard.com.
- Go to the top navigation bar and click, Manage Money.
- Click, Pay Bills.
- Select the company (the payee) you want to pay from the payee list. If you can't find the company, you can manually enter the payee name by clicking on, Add a Payee
- Enter the amount you want to pay and select the payment date.
- Click on the Review and Pay button.

Please remember to schedule your mortgage payment or rent payment at least five business days before the due date. For more information, please review the Bill Pay Service section in the Cardholder Agreement.

Do I need a PIN?

You may use the card for signature-based purchases without a PIN by choosing Credit when you make a purchase. However, a PIN must be used for PIN-based purchases when you select Debit and cash withdrawals at ATMs.

You'll choose your four-digit PIN when you activate your card. Keep it in a safe place for future reference. Your card may be locked if you make too many attempts to use it with the wrong PIN.

What should I do if I forget my PIN?

Call the number on the back of your ReliaCard and reset your PIN using the automated system. Your card may be locked after too many attempts using the wrong PIN.

How do I download the ReliaCard mobile app?

Visit the App Store[®] or Google Play[™] to download the mobile app.



What if I have other questions?

Please see our expanded FAQ section on the ReliaCard website at usbankreliacard.com.

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