



STATE OF WYOMING  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Order 2021-08  
(supersedes and replaces Executive Order 2020-12)

**RELIEF FROM BENEFIT CHARGES TO EMPLOYERS' ACCOUNTS FOR  
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS PAID DUE TO COVID**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic, which was declared a national and statewide emergency in March 2020, has had unprecedented impacts on the economy, businesses, and workforce of both the country and the state; and

**WHEREAS**, employers in the State have been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19 and its effects on the workforce, employer operations, safety protocol, and revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses across the country, including in Wyoming, experienced declining revenue due to COVID-19 and its secondary impacts, including from restrictions on and closures of certain businesses due to public health orders and recommendations. Nationwide and in the State of Wyoming, this resulted in a temporary increase in unemployment claims; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the President of the United States of America signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, P.L. 116-127, which provided emergency supplemental appropriations for response to the spread of COVID-19, including expanded unemployment benefits. This resulted in an increase to the number of unemployment claims filed nationwide and in the State of Wyoming; and

**WHEREAS**, the large volume of unemployment benefit claims made in the State of Wyoming during the COVID-19 pandemic caused a strain on Wyoming's unemployment insurance system as a whole. As a result, unemployment insurance expenses significantly increased in 2021 for every contributory employer in the state in order to make up for system-wide losses to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund caused by the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming 2020 Special Session Laws, Ch. 2, Sec. 6 authorizes me to order temporary relief from unemployment charges that I determine should not be charged due to circumstances related to COVID-19. Pursuant to that authority, I previously issued Executive Order 2020-12 which provided relief from certain unemployment charges linked directly with COVID-19; and

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**WHEREAS**, relief from unemployment charges must be expanded from that provided in my Executive Order 2020-12, given the broad impacts of COVID-19 on unemployment charges against every contributory employer in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, funds expended from the Wyoming Unemployment Compensation Trust