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## Virginia Employment Commission Now Offers Direct Deposit and Debit Cards

**RICHMOND**—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) now offers individuals who are eligible to receive unemployment benefits the option of having benefits sent directly to a bank account or deposited to a debit card. Individuals who select the electronic payment method will receive payment within two business days of being processed and will no longer need to wait for the mail to deliver checks.

The claimant receives the payment in a quick and confidential electronic transaction, the process costs less because it does not involve printing and mailing of paper checks, and it cuts down on the number of stop payments for lost or stolen checks.

Over 6,000 claimants have already enrolled in the direct deposit or debit payment card option. The VEC plans to enroll all unemployment recipients in one of the electronic payment methods within the next two to three months.

Claimants can file for unemployment insurance by calling 1-866-832-2363 between 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or on-line 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at [www.VaEmploy.Com](http://www.VaEmploy.Com). The VEC website offers many resources for employers and workers.

If you would like to enroll, go to [www.VaEmploy.com](http://www.VaEmploy.com).

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