ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE

Online Program User Guide

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Introduction

Electronic Correspondence (EC) allows employers to access unemployment benefits documents from a secure email inbox.

Note

To access Electronic Correspondence, employers must sign up for an Employer Benefits Services (EBS) account. To learn more about Employer Benefits Services and to learn how to sign up for an Employer Benefits Services account, see the EBS Administrator Duties user guide.

How Electronic Correspondence Works

Employers wishing to receive paperless correspondence can access documents from a secure email inbox by logging in to their **EBS account**.

When new correspondence is sent, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) also sends a notification email to the employer email address linked to the EBS account. Documents can be viewed, printed, and saved.

Documents Included:

- Statements and determinations
- Chargeback notices and determinations
- Most benefits forms and notices

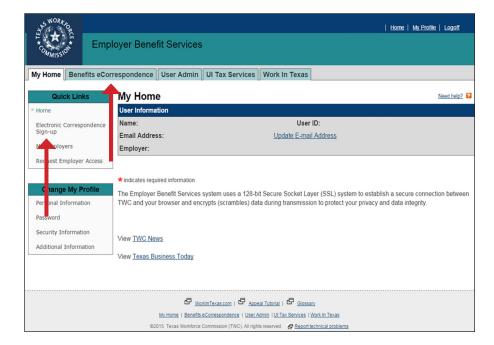
Documents not Included:

- Appeals correspondence, such as hearing notices or appeals decisions
- Tax notices and forms

TIP: It is a good idea to regularly check the EBS email inbox even if no email notifications are received.

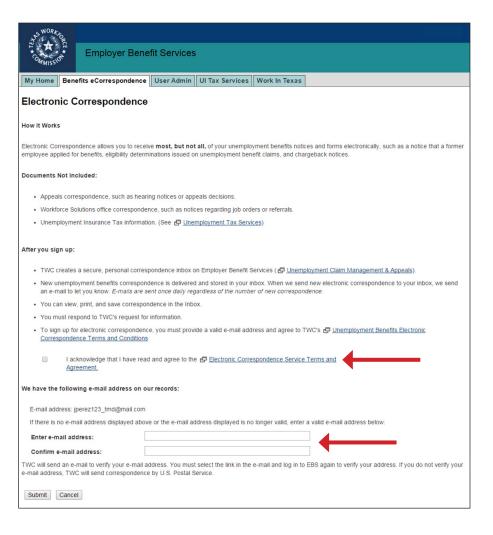
Electronic Correspondence Sign-Up

After logging in to EBS, select the Benefits Correspondence tab or Electronic Correspondence Sign-Up from the Quick Links menu on the My Home page.



Carefully read the **Unemployment Benefits Terms and Conditions**and check the **box** confirming that
the terms and conditions have been
read and agreed to.

If no email address appears or the email address is no longer valid, enter a valid email address then reenter it to confirm it is correct. Select **Submit**.



Electronic Correspondence Terms and Conditions

- By signing up for Electronic Correspondence, I understand that TWC will be sending most, but not all, of the unemployment benefits correspondence for the listed employer to a secure mailbox on Unemployment Claim Management & Appeals, also known as Employer Benefits Services (EBS), that I am solely responsible for reading.
- I understand that TWC will not send the following documents electronically, and that TWC will continue to mail these and other documents as needed by U.S. Postal Service:
 - Appeals correspondence, such as hearing notices or appeals decisions.
 - Workforce Solutions office correspondence, such as notices regarding jobs orders or referrals.
 - Unemployment Insurance Tax Information. (See Unemployment Tax Services)
- I understand it is my responsibility to read and respond to all correspondence that TWC sends regarding unemployment benefits, whether the correspondence is electronic or paper. I understand I am responsible for regularly checking my online inbox, regardless of whether I received and email notifying me of new mail. I understand that if I do not respond to all TWC correspondence when requested, this may result in changes to my TWC tax account.
- I agree to keep my mailing address and my email address current with TWC.
- I understand that TWC reserves the right to contact me as needed by mail, phone, or email at TWC's sole discretion.
- I understand that I need to protect my electronic mailbox by not allowing any other person(s) access. I agree not to share my EBS User Id and password with anyone. I understand that using my password to log on is legally the same as signing my name and that I am responsible for any account access or actions using my User ID and password.
- I understand that only the Account Administrator for the TWC tax account number can sign up or opt out of Electronic Correspondence at any time.
- I understand that TWC reserves the right to discontinue Electronic Correspondence at any time and to revert to mailed paper correspondence as needed.
- I understand the Electronic Correspondence does not accept incoming emails.
- By providing an email address, I agree to receive emails from TWC, which may be addressed from "TWC," "Texas Workforce," or "GovDelivery."

Sign-Up Verification

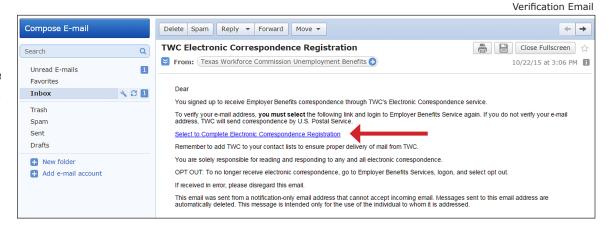
A verification email is sent to the linked email address.

Select **OK** and look for an email at the email address linked to the EBS account.



Verification Email

Select the Select to Complete Electronic Correspondence Registration link in the email.



TIP: Do not skip this part. Check for the email right away and select the **Select to Complete Electronic Correspondence** link. If the email address is not verified, TWC will send all correspondence by U.S. Postal Service.

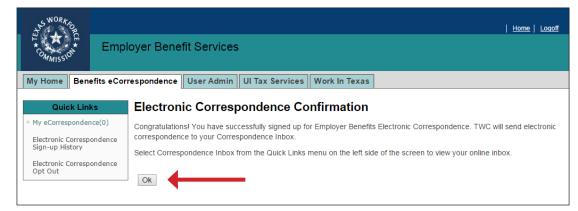
Completing the Sign-Up Verification

The Select to Complete Electronic Correspondence Registration link returns the user to the EBS

login.

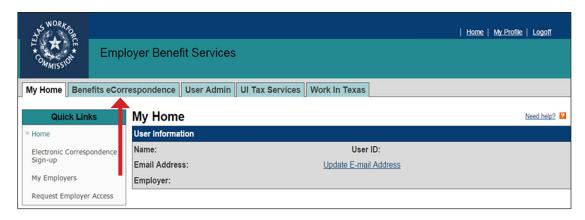
Log in to EBS to complete the email verification.

Select **OK** to view the EBS **Electronic Correspondence** inbox.



The Inbox

On the **My Home** page, select the **Benefits eCorrespondence** tab.



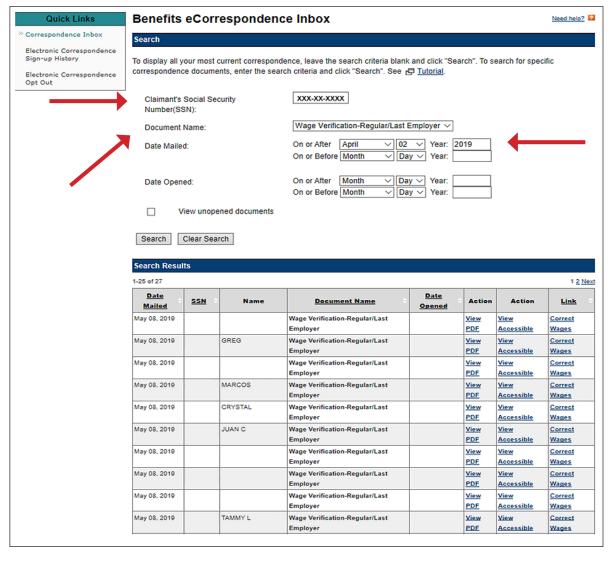
Viewing and Searching the Inbox

The inbox shows links in the Quick Links menu, the date the document was mailed, the document name, the date the document was opened, options to view the document as PDF or accessible, and three options to search for correspondence.

Search for correspondence using the claimant's SSN or search for correspondence by entering the

document name.

Narrow the document name search by also entering the date mailed.



Opting Out

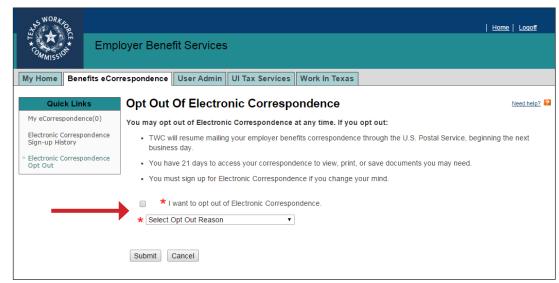
Employers may opt out of receiving electronic correspondence at any time by selecting **Electronic Correspondence Opt Out** from **Quick Links** on the **Benefits eCorrespondence Inbox** page or the **My Home** page.

TWC will resume mailing all documents the next business day.

The eCorrespondence Inbox will be available for 21 business days after opting out. Print or save all

important documents.

Check the **Box** indicating Electronic Correspondence Optout, select an **Opt-Out Reason** from the drop-down menu, then select **Submit**.



Sign-Up History

Electronic Correspondence Sign-Up History shows a history of all pending, active, and unsubscribed-to electronic or paper correspondence methods.

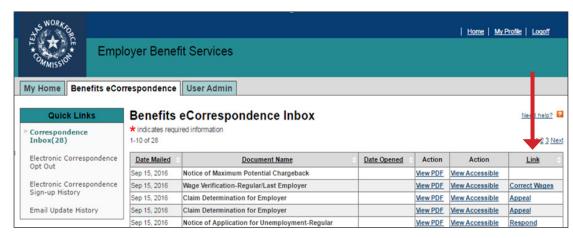
Benefits eCorrespondence Inbox Features

New features, appearing in the Link column, connect employers to documents that can be easily changed.

- Correct Wages
- Appeal
- Respond

The **Correct Wages** link appears when TWC delivers a **Wage Verification Notice**.

The **Appeal** link appears when TWC delivers a decision that can be appealed and allows employers



to more easily submit an appeal online.

The **Respond** link appears when TWC delivers a Notice of Application for Unemployment Benefits (Initial Claim) or a Request for Work Separation Information (Additional Claim).

Wage Verifications

The Correct Wages link allows employers to more easily access the online Tax Services portal to make changes to wage records.

Selecting the Correct Wages link navigates the user to the **Unemployment Tax Services Logon** page. A User ID and password is required.

For more information Unemployment Tax Services (UTS), visit the UTS page.

Decisions that can be Appealed

The Appeal link allows employers to view any document regarding a decision that can be appealed, such as an Employer Determination on Payment of Unemployment Benefits document or a Charge Liability Decision document, and it allows employers to more easily submit an online appeal.

Selecting the Appeal link navigates the user to the Notice of Unemployment Benefits Appeal submission page. Appeals can be completed and submitted online.

For more information on the appeals process, refer to **How to Appeal a Decision – For Employers**.

Employer Responses

The Respond link allows employers to more easily access the online Employer Response to Notice of Application program and submit their response to a Notice of Application for Unemployment Benefits (Initial Claim) document or a Request for Work Separation Information (Additional Claim) document.

Selecting the Respond link navigates the user to the **Employer Response to Notice of Application Logon** page. The applicants SSN as well as the Access Key are required. The Access Key is located in the upper right corner of the Notice of Application for Unemployment-Regular document.

For more information on the Employer Response process, refer to **Employer Response to Notice of Application for Unemployment Benefits** and the Employer Response User Guide.

Contact

For help call the TWC Tele-Center at 866-274-1722 to speak with a customer service representative.