Can You Start a Business While on Unemployment?

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David Barron was quoted in *The Balance* discussing if someone who is collecting unemployment can start a business. Rules vary from state to state, so you'll want to review yours. But generally, nothing prohibits someone from starting a business while collecting unemployment, according to David. "Use this time to do all the legwork, groundwork, and planning of starting a business," he said. "None of that jeopardizes your unemployment, as long as you're meeting your state's requirements for looking for work."

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