



Federal CARES Act

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW & DO

The Federal CARES Act was signed into law March 27, 2020. The Act provides enhanced Unemployment Compensation (UC) benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for Pennsylvanians.

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA)

Expanded eligibility for individuals who have traditionally been ineligible for UC benefits (e.g., self-employed workers, independent contractors)

Not traditionally eligible for UC Benefits? Here's what you should do:

Do NOT submit an application through the regular UC system. PUA has a separate application process. If you believe you are eligible, instructions on how to apply for PUA benefits will be posted on www.uc.pa.gov.

What you may qualify to receive:

- 26 weeks of PUA benefits
- An additional \$600/week until July 31, 2020 (beginning April 5, 2020)
- An additional 13 weeks of benefits if you are still unemployed after 26 weeks

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (FPUC)

An additional \$600 per week, on top of regular benefits, to all UC and PUA recipients.

Already approved for UC Benefits? Here's what you should do:

Do nothing - your benefits will automatically be updated. DO NOT CALL, it will only make it difficult for others to reach an agent.

What you may qualify to receive:

- 26 weeks of UC benefits
- An additional \$600/week until July 31, 2020 (beginning April 5, 2020)
- An additional 13 weeks of benefits if you are still unemployed after 26 weeks

Eligible for UC Benefits but haven't filed a claim? Here's what you should do:

- Check Eligibility at www.uc.pa.gov, "**Am I Eligible**" page.
- File online at www.uc.pa.gov, "**File an Initial Claim**" page.
- You can also file a claim through the Pennsylvania Teleclaims System, 888-255-4728, if you do not have access to a computer.

What you may qualify to receive:

- 26 weeks of UC benefits
- An additional \$600/week until July 31, 2020 (beginning April 5, 2020)
- An additional 13 weeks of benefits if you are still unemployed after 26 weeks

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (PEUC)

An additional 13 weeks of UC benefits, beyond the regular 26 weeks already provided, for a total of 39 weeks of benefits.

Exhausted your 26 weeks of UC Benefits? Here's what you should do:

Instructions on how to apply will be posted shortly. We are awaiting guidance from the United States Department of Labor.

What you may qualify to receive:

- 13 weeks of UC benefits
- An additional \$600/week until July 31, 2020 (beginning April 5, 2020)

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Federal CARES Act, eligibility and how to apply are available at www.uc.pa.gov

