



**NOTICE OF CARES ACT
PROGRAMS POTENTIALLY
AVAILABLE TO YOU**

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) that extends and provides additional unemployment benefits was signed into law. The following table explains the recent CARES Act federal unemployment programs potentially available to you.

	Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation: PEUC	Pandemic Unemployment Assistance: PUA	Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation: FPUC
American Rescue Plan Act <i>Benefits provided</i>	Section 9016 Up to 53 additional weeks of regular unemployment after benefits are exhausted or expired.	Section 9011 Up to 79 weeks, minus any paid weeks of regular unemployment or extended benefits.	Section 9013 Provides an additional \$600 of benefits per week during weeks April 4 - July 25, 2020, and an additional \$300 of benefits per week during weeks January 2 - September 4, 2021.
<i>Eligibility</i>	Unemployed individuals whose regular UC benefits were exhausted July 6, 2019 or later.	Individuals unemployed due to COVID-19 reasons and not eligible for regular UC, such as the self-employed, gig workers, those with limited work history, and those working for religious organizations.	Must be entitled to a payment from an unemployment program in PA.
<i>First payable week</i>	Week ending April 4, 2020. Benefit payments for weeks 14-24 cannot begin earlier than week ending January 2, 2021. Benefits for weeks 25-49 cannot begin earlier than week ending March 20, 2021.	Week ending February 8, 2020, but not prior to being unemployed. Benefit payments for weeks 40-50 cannot begin earlier than week ending January 2, 2021. Benefits for weeks 51-75 cannot begin earlier than March 20, 2021.	Week ending April 4, 2020 for the \$600 payments, and week ending January 2, 2021 for the \$300 payments.
<i>Last payable week</i>	Week ending September 4, 2021 (NOTE: while the Law references 53 weeks, only 49 weeks are available due to Program end date)	Week ending September 4, 2021 (NOTE: while the Law references 79 weeks, only 75 weeks are available due to Program end date)	Week ending July 25, 2020 for the \$600 payments and week ending September 4, 2021 for the \$300 payments.
<i>Last week to set up a claim</i>	Week of September 4, 2021 (With effective date of August 29, 2021)	Week of September 4, 2021 (With effective date of August 29, 2021)	There is no application. Payments are issued automatically.
<i>How to apply</i>	For individuals who exhaust monetary benefits on an existing PEUC claim, the additional 25 weeks will be added to your claim.	For individuals who exhaust monetary benefits on an existing PUA claim, the additional 25 weeks will be added to your claim	There is no application. Payments are issued automatically.
	For individuals whose claim expires, complete an application at www.uc.pa.gov (or by mail, sent to you at the end of your claim)	www.uc.pa.gov/PUA Those without online access may call: 855-284-8545 (TTY) 888-344-4046	

<i>Federal Withholding</i>	Choice to have 10% federal withholding activated	Choice to have 10% federal withholding activated	Follows your choice for the unemployment program.
<i>Other information</i>	Individuals are limited to 53 weeks of PEUC. Additional weeks cannot be available from multiple claims to exceed 53 weeks.	If you opened your claim in 2020, we use only your 2019 earnings to establish your eligibility. If you open your claim in 2021, we use only your 2020 earnings to establish your eligibility.	Payments are made separately from regular benefit payments, taking up to 10 days to receive after regular payments.

Order of Payments – Preventing Overpayments

It is fraudulent to receive benefits on different programs for the same claim week, with the exception of receiving an FPUC payment in conjunction with another program. Receiving benefits on more than one program for the same week will result in an overpayment on your claim.

The U.S. Department of Labor directs the states on eligibility for CARES Act programs. If you were paid benefits on a later program for a week during which you could have qualified for an earlier program, you will be overpaid. The order of eligibility for benefits must be (left to right):



*The only exception where Extended Benefits (EB) may be paid before PEUC is during the period when these programs were extended by the Continued Assistance Act. Individuals who were already on an EB claim at that time must finish EB before filing for the additional PEUC benefits.

Other Information

You must be unemployed to receive any type of unemployment benefit. If you are working or being paid full time for a week, you are not unemployed and will not be eligible to receive a benefit payment or FPUC payment for the week. If you commit fraud, you are subject to fines and other penalties. UC payments will be matched against the wage records that your employer submits to the Department. See www.uc.pa.gov/part-time to learn how to report earnings.

Refusing suitable work or quitting a job may affect benefits but is decided on a case-by-case basis. Under the UC program and CARES Act, it is unlawful to quit work without good cause for the purpose of obtaining additional UC benefits. Refer to the UCP-1 Handbook for information about refusing suitable work, having to repay benefits for false claims, and other penalties to be enforced.

*Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
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