



PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (PEUC)

The federal government passed the CARES Act, which includes Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). PEUC is a temporary federal program that provides an additional thirteen (13) weeks of unemployment benefits, beyond the regular twenty-six (26) weeks already provided.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Individuals whose regular unemployment benefits exhausted on or after July 6, 2019 **MUST apply** in order to receive PEUC benefits.

Individuals who are still within their unemployment benefit year **DO NOT** need to apply. After you receive the balance of your regular unemployment benefits, you will be **automatically enrolled** in the PEUC program for the additional thirteen (13) weeks of benefits.

HOW DO I APPLY?

The best way to apply in online at <http://www.uc.pa.gov>, and follow the link to **“File for PEUC.”** If you are without internet access, an **EUC-8 APPLICATION WILL BE MAILED** toward the end of your claim for you to file.

You **CANNOT** apply in advance; if you are still unemployed, you may complete the application once your benefit year has expired.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If needed, the Department of Labor & Industry **may** conduct an eligibility review and will contact you directly to conduct that review.

You will receive a **PEUC Financial Determination** in the mail that indicates your **weekly benefit amount (WBA) and maximum amount of PEUC benefits**. Your appeal rights under PEUC are the same as those for regular UC.

THE FIRST PAYABLE WEEK IS APRIL 4, 2020, AND THE LAST PAYABLE WEEK IS DECEMBER 26, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: You **will receive an extra \$600 a week** in addition to your weekly benefits, which **will not** be reflected in the WBA. Those additional funds are paid starting with the week

ending April 4, 2020 and end with the week ending July 25, 2020. Payments will be backdated for eligible individuals.

HOW DO I CLAIM WEEKLY BENEFITS?

Similar to regular unemployment, you **WILL NEED** to continue biweekly filing:

- If you are automatically enrolled (i.e. still within your regular unemployment benefit year), then **continue to use your same UC pin and continue biweekly filing.**

PLEASE NOTE:

1. If your **bi-weekly claim is inactive and you know you have multiple UC claims on file**, it is possible that your claim did not set up because space for new claims was limited. The Department of Labor & Industry is working toward a remedy, and update will be provided when available.
 2. If you were **recently paid for one week only**, your biweekly cycle may have shifted. As such, you will need to begin your biweekly filing the week after you filed for your regular unemployment benefits.
- PEUC Applicants (i.e. your unemployment year expired, and you applied for PEUC) will use the **UC Pin from your previous claim**. You will begin your biweekly filing **once your application has been processed AND you receive your PEUC financial determination.**

REGISTRATION AND WORK SEARCH

Under Pennsylvania's emergency rules currently in place due to COVID-19, **the requirement to register and search for work has been waived, but only for the duration of the Pennsylvania disaster declaration.**

*For help in this type of matter contact Northwestern Legal Services
to apply for services at 800-800-665-6957 or apply online at www.nwls.org*