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Unemployment Benefit Extensions

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Monday–Friday, 7:00am–5:00pm.



The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) has started to receive guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) on implementing the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act. For information regarding the unemployment benefit program you are on, please see below.

PLEASE NOTE: To allow claimants the opportunity to reach a Customer Service Agent in the Unemployment Insurance Operations Center regarding regular matters, the department asks that individuals not call to ask about the federal extension at this time. The department will provide further information to claimants on our official website (www.dws.state.nm.us) and through all communication channels as soon as it is available.

What unemployment benefit program am I on? What should I do next? _____

Standard Unemployment (STUI)

Continue certifying weekly as normal. If you are eligible for benefits for the weeks starting December 27 and January 3, you will receive the additional \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) payments for each of those weeks starting January 10, and each eligible week moving forward until the FPUC program ends on March 13.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

If you have a remaining benefit balance (see screen shot below), you will be able to start certifying for benefits again this Sunday, January 10. Certification weeks will include December 27 and January 3. If eligible, you will receive the additional \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) payments for each of those weeks starting January 10, and each eligible week moving forward until the FPUC program ends on March 13.

If you have exhausted other benefits and have a \$0 balance, the department is waiting for guidance and funding from USDOL. There is nothing more for you to do at this time. The department will provide further information on next steps as soon as it is available.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

If you have a remaining benefit balance (see screen shot below), you will be able to start certifying for benefits again this Sunday, January 10. Certification weeks will include December 27 and January 3. If eligible, you will receive the additional \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) payments for each of those weeks starting January 10, and each eligible week moving forward until the FPUC program ends on March 13.

If you exhausted your benefits and have a \$0 balance, the department is waiting for guidance and funding from USDOL and there is nothing more for you to do at this time. The department will provide further information on next steps as soon as it is available.

If you clicked on the link in the menu bar that said "Apply for Unemployment Benefits" and completed or started but did not complete the questions presented to you, this will not affect your future extended benefits.

Federal-State Extended Benefits (FDEB1)

Continue certifying weekly as normal. If you are eligible for benefits the weeks starting December 27 and January 3, you will receive the additional \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) payments for each of those weeks starting January 10, and each eligible week moving forward until the FPUC program ends on March 13.

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If you were previously on PEUC and had a remaining balance but were moved to FDEB1 after the PEUC program ended on December 26, you will be placed back on PEUC to continue certifying with your remaining weeks available.

How do I find out what program I am on?

On your claimant homepage, look under the section titled “Basic Information” – the first line in that section indicates your program type. This page will also tell you whether you have a program benefit balance. Please see the example below.

Basic Information		Claim Information	
Program Type	COVID19PUA	Maximum Benefit Amount	\$6,591
File Date	6/9/2020	Weekly Benefit Amount	\$169
Preferred Language	English	Week Last Certified	12/20/2020
Correspondence Preference	Electronic	Balance	\$6,591

Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act

The Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act provisions contained in H.R. 133 include:

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

- Will provide up to 11 weeks of an additional \$300 weekly benefit to eligible claimants.
- A claimant must be eligible to receive benefits under regular state Unemployment Insurance, PUA, PEUC, or FDEB1 (Federal Extended Benefits) to receive FPUC.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

- Will provide up to an additional 11 weeks of benefits, to a maximum of 50 weeks.
- Weekly certification will be required
- Claimants will be required to provide documentation of eligibility to qualify for PUA beginning January 31, 2021.
- PUA will be available until week ending March 13, 2021 (no new applications will be accepted after that date), with allowance for three additional weeks of benefits for those who have not reached the maximum number of weeks through week ending April 3, 2021.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

- Will provide up to an additional 11 weeks of benefit, to a maximum of 24 weeks.
- PEUC will be available until week ending March 13, 2021 (no new applications will be accepted after that date), with allowance for three additional weeks of benefits for those who have not reached the maximum number of weeks through week ending April 3, 2021.