

Frequently Asked Questions or FAQs
New Mexico One-Time, Self-Employed Stimulus Payment (SESP)

Am I eligible for the special, one-time Self-Employed Stimulus Payment (SESP)?

To be eligible for SESP, you must be a self-employed worker. As a self-employed worker, generally, you will receive a 1099 at the end of the year. If you are a self-employed worker and had to close your business due to the COVID-19 State of New Mexico Emergency Declaration, you may be eligible for SESP. If you choose to apply for the SESP, please make sure you are ready to complete the ***Three Mandatory Parts of the Application, (Part 1 – Application Request Information, Part 2 – Upload Documents, and Part 3 – Complete Banking Information).***

SESP eligibility requirements:

✓ ***Proof that you are Self-Employed:***

- **Acceptable Proof includes:** your **2019 Form 1040SE** available and ready to upload or, Your **2018 Form 1040SE and 2019 1099 Form** available and ready to upload.

✓ ***Proof that you are a Resident of the State of New Mexico.***

- **Acceptable Proof includes:** a photo or a PDF copy of your New Mexico Driver's License or New Mexico State Identification Card, a utility bill or something with your New Mexico address should be ready to upload.

✓ ***Proof that you are a U.S. Citizen or Authorized to Work in the U.S.***

- **Acceptable Proof includes:** a photo or a PDF copy of your unexpired U.S. Passport, Employment Authorization Document with a Photograph (Form I-766), Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551), or other documentation listed in the I-9 "Acceptable List of Documents" which is available for reference during Part 1 of the SESP Application Request Information process.

✓ ***Your Banking Information***

- Bank name,
- Bank routing number and
- A checking or savings bank account number so that a Direct Deposit can be made to your bank account, if your application is approved.

✓ ***You are properly registered with the Selective Service***

Is this the same thing as the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), which was part of the Federal COVID-19 Stimulus signed into law Friday, Mar 27? If not, when I can I apply for the PUA?

No. The special, one-time Self-Employed Stimulus Payment is not the same thing as the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. The federal COVID-19 stimulus law will expand Unemployment Insurance benefits, known as Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). You must apply for SESP and you must file a separate application for PUA once our system is ready. We are currently setting

up our system to process PUA claims applications. Please do not call the Unemployment Insurance Operations Center at this time. The department will announce when the system is ready and, then, you can start filing your PUA initial claims application.

I am having issues uploading documents to the SESP system.

The SESP system accepts uploaded documents in the following standard formats:

- Just take a photo of the document and upload it. Photos are almost always in one of these formats: .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .tiff, .tif, or .gif, which the system accepts.
- The system also accepts Portable Document Format or PDF documents (standard format is: .pdf). PDF is a file format that has captured all the elements of a printed document as an electronic image that you can view, navigate, print, or forward to someone else.

NOTE: The system will **NOT** accept uploads of Word Documents (.doc or .docx) or Text Files (.txt).

How do I properly enter my Banking Information?

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `spa-uat.uitest.dws.state.nm.us/SESP/PartcpntPaymentOptions`. The page header includes the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions logo and navigation links for Participant, Help, and My Workforce Connection. The main heading is "SESP - Participant Payment Options". The form contains the following fields:

- Bank Account Type:
- Routing Transit Number:
- Bank Account Number:
- Re-enter Bank Account Number:

Below the fields is a note: "Click 'Submit', if the information entered is correct. Note: You may change your direct deposit information at any time after you apply." At the bottom is a blue "Submit" button.

The diagram illustrates how to extract banking information from a check. It shows a check from Bank of America with the following details:

- Your Name: 1234 Oak, Anytown, USA
- 1001 (Check Number)
- 19-2/1250 (Date)
- PAY TO THE ORDER OF: [Redacted]
- ACH R: 123456789 (ACH Routing Transit Number)
- FOR: [Redacted]
- ABA 123456789 (ABA Routing Number)
- 000123456789 (Account Number)
- 1001 (Check Number)

Red arrows point from the labels below to the corresponding information on the check:

- ABA Routing Number points to the ABA 123456789.
- Account Number points to the 000123456789.
- Check Number points to the 1001.
- ACH Routing Transit Number points to the ACH R: 123456789.

Did you receive my Application and when will I know if was it Approved?

Please know we anticipate receiving a high number of applications for the special, one-time Self-Employed Stimulus Payment and our staff will process the applications in the order they are submitted. As soon as a staff member can review and process your application, you will receive an email (at the email address you provided) informing you if your Application was approved. If your application is denied, the email will indicate why.