



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. The Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act was signed on December 28, 2020 and extended several programs of the CARES Act into 2021.

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA)

Expanded eligibility for individuals who have traditionally been ineligible for UC benefits (e.g., self-employed workers, independent contractors, those not eligible for regular unemployment)

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. To apply for PUA, visit www.uc.pa.gov and select "Filing an Initial Claim" on the icon navigation bar and scroll down to "Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)"

What you may qualify to receive:

- 50 weeks of PUA benefits
- An additional \$300/week (FPUC) until March 13, 2021 (beginning after December 26, 2020)

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (FPUC)

An additional \$300 per week, on top of regular benefits, to all UC, PEUC, 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:

- An additional \$300/week (FPUC) until March 13, 2021 (beginning after December 26, 2020)

**PANDEMIC
EMERGENCY
UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION (PEUC)**

An additional 24 weeks of UC benefits, beyond the regular 26 weeks already provided, for a total of 50 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.

What you may qualify to receive:

- 24 weeks of UC benefits
- An additional \$300/week (FPUC) until March 13, 2021 (beginning after December 26, 2020)

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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



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