



Federal CARES Act **EXPLAINED**

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.



PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA)

Expanded eligibility for individuals who have traditionally been ineligible for UC benefits (e.g., self-employed workers, independent contractors).



PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (PEUC)

An additional 13 weeks of UC benefits, beyond the regular 26 weeks already provided, for a total of 39 weeks of coverage.



LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE (LWA) PROGRAM

The federal LWA program provided Pennsylvania \$2.8 billion to give an extra \$300 a week in additional funds to individuals that are unemployed (or partially unemployed) because of COVID-19 from August 1 through September 5.

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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



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