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](http://www.uc.pa.gov)

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