

**NOTICE OF
LOST WAGES
ASSISTANCE**

Pennsylvania has been approved to pay an extra \$300/week in disaster-assistance benefits as part of the Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) Program from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

Only individuals who are unemployed due to COVID-19 disruptions may apply for this benefit.

LWA Payments are available for claim weeks ending:

- **August 1**
- **August 8**
- **August 15**
- **August 22**
- **August 29**

The LWA program runs through December 2020, but funds are not necessarily available through the end of the program. FEMA approves Pennsylvania’s benefits one week at a time, and the program will end when the disaster funding is no longer available. Pennsylvania will make public announcements when the final payment date is known. Visit www.uc.pa.gov for the latest news about the LWA program.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE \$300/WEEK LWA BENEFIT

- You must be fully/partially **unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19**, and
- You must have a **weekly benefit rate + dependent allowance totaling \$100 or more**, and
- You must **receive a benefit payment for each week** from one of the qualifying programs:
 - o Regular Unemployment Compensation (UC)
 - o Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
 - o State Extended Benefits (EB)
 - o Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA)
 - o Shared-Work, or Short-Time Compensation (STC)
 - o Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

HOW TO APPLY BASED ON THE PROGRAM YOU RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM

PUA	UC, PEUC, EB, TRA*	Shared Work
<p>You will not apply.</p> <p>You already certified that you are unemployed due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Payments will be made to you automatically.</p>	<p>You must apply to receive LWA.</p> <p>You will certify ONE TIME that your unemployment is due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Online: Visit www.uc.pa.gov/cert. Log in as if filing your biweekly claim, using your PIN. Select the “Complete LWA Certification” button and fill out the certification.</p> <p>No internet: Complete the LWA certification on page 2 of this notice and mail it to Labor & Industry</p>	<p>You will not apply.</p> <p>An employer in a Shared-Work program must provide the required certification on behalf of all participating employees in the program.</p>

***Complete your certification as soon as possible as funds are limited and not guaranteed.**

OTHER LWA PROGRAM FACTS

- LWA payments are made at the end of each week, meaning you will receive your LWA payments after you are paid benefit payments for one of the qualifying programs. This will result in your regular benefits and your LWA benefits being received approximately 1 week apart.
- If you work full time or are paid full time for a week, you are not unemployed and will not receive a payment for the week. Visit www.uc.pa.gov/part-time to learn how earnings affect UC payments.
- LWA is subject to 10% Federal tax withholding from each payment, if you already chose to have taxes withheld from your base unemployment benefits.
- **If you commit fraud, you are subject to fines and other penalties.**
- Under the UC program, it is unlawful to quit work without good cause for the purpose of obtaining additional UC benefits. Refer to the **UCP-1 Handbook** for information about refusing suitable work, having to repay benefits for false claims, and other penalties to be enforced.

Lost Wages Assistance Self Certification

Are you unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19? Yes No

Do you wish to receive the extra \$300 LWA payments? Yes No

- I acknowledge receipt of the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation **UCP-1 Handbook**, which includes information about my civil rights under federal law, and my responsibility to abide by the information in the Handbook.
- I certify that all information I have provided in this certification is correct and complete. I acknowledge that false statements in this document are punishable pursuant to 18 Pa. C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

A person who knowingly makes a false statement or knowingly withholds information to obtain UC benefits commits a criminal offense under Section 801 of the UC Law, 43 P.S. §871, and may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, restitution and loss of future benefits.

Print your full name legibly: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Social Security Number: _____

This information must be complete for payment to be made. Payments are not guaranteed.

Mail this Completed application to:
Office of Unemployment Service Centers
ATTN: LWA
651 Boas St., 15th Floor
Harrisburg PA 17121

*Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
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