

Notification to Claimants Regarding Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020 (Continued Assistance Act)

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) is providing this Notice to claimants about provisions of the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020 (Continued Assistance Act). DWD will also provide individual notice to impacted claimants.

This Notice includes changes to program dates and benefit levels for the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) programs, as well as the creation of the Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program.

Please click on the link below which applies to your filing status on December 27, 2020:

[**I was actively filing for regular unemployment insurance week ending 12/26/20**](#)

[**I was actively filing for PEUC week ending 12/26/20**](#)

[**I was actively filing for PUA week ending 12/26/20 but previously had a PEUC claim**](#)

[**I was actively filing for PUA week ending 12/26/20 and did NOT have a previous PEUC claim**](#)

[**I was NOT actively filing week ending 12/26/20 but had a previous PEUC claim**](#)

[**I was NOT actively filing week ending 12/26/20 but had a previous PUA claim \(but never had a PEUC claim\)**](#)

[**In addition to one of the above, I have a regular UI claim or PEUC but also have self-employment and may be eligible for MEUC.**](#)

I was actively filing for regular unemployment insurance week ending 12/26/20

You are currently filing a claim under the unemployment insurance program. The Continued Assistance Act has restarted the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program. Starting with week ending January 2, 2021, if you are eligible for at least \$1 of your underlying unemployment benefit amount for any week of unemployment, you will also receive a \$300 supplemental FPUC payment. You do not need to take any additional action to receive this supplemental payment. Continue to file your weekly voucher if you remain unemployed. The FPUC program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for FPUC is week ending March 13, 2021. You may also be eligible for MEUC in addition to FPUC. More information is below.

I was actively filing for PEUC week ending 12/26/20

You are currently filing a claim under the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program. The Continued Assistance Act increased the maximum amount of benefits available under the PEUC program from 13 times your average weekly benefit amount to 24 times your average weekly benefit amount.

There is no new PEUC application that must be filed to receive this benefit. Continue to file your weekly voucher for the PEUC program if you remain unemployed. You will also need to complete the To-Do on your Claimant Homepage to File a New UI Claim. These additional PEUC benefits may only be collected for weeks ending on or after December 27, 2020.

The PEUC program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for PEUC is week ending March 13, 2021. If you receive a PEUC payment for the week ending March 13, 2021 and have remaining entitlement on your claim, you may be eligible to participate in phaseout period and may continue to collect PEUC through week ending April 10, 2021.

Additionally, for each week of PEUC eligibility, you will be eligible for the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program. Starting with week ending January 2, 2021, if you are eligible for at least \$1 of your underlying unemployment benefit amount for any week of unemployment, you will also receive a \$300 supplemental FPUC payment. You do not need to take any additional action to receive this supplemental payment. The FPUC program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for FPUC is week ending March 13, 2021. There is no phaseout period for FPUC.

You may also be eligible for MEUC in addition to FPUC. More information is below.

I was actively filing for PUA week ending 12/26/20 but previously had a PEUC claim

You previously exhausted your claim for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) and are currently filing a claim under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. The Continued Assistance Act increased the maximum amount of benefits available under the PEUC program from 13 times your average weekly benefit amount to 24 times your average weekly benefit amount.

You may only collect PUA if you have exhausted any entitlement to PEUC. Because of the additional PEUC benefits available, you are no longer eligible to receive PUA. If you continue to be unemployed or partially unemployed, you will automatically be moved to your existing PEUC claim. Note that your PEUC claim may have a different weekly benefit amount because the program uses a different look-back period for your prior earnings. When you file your weekly vouchers, add employment history for any employment you have had after the last voucher you filed.

The PEUC program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for PEUC is week ending March 13, 2021. If you are eligible to resume filing your claim for PEUC, receive a PEUC payment for week ending March 13, 2021, and have remaining entitlement on your claim, you may be eligible to participate in a phaseout period and may continue to collect

PEUC through week ending April 10, 2021.

If you later exhaust benefits under the PEUC program and continue to be unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work because of COVID-19, you may be eligible to resume collection of your existing PUA benefits if the PUA program is still in effect.

Additionally, for each week of PEUC eligibility, you will be eligible for the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program. Starting with week ending January 2, 2021, if you are eligible for at least \$1 of your underlying unemployment benefit amount for any week of unemployment, you will also receive a \$300 supplemental FPUC payment. You do not need to take any additional action to receive this supplemental payment. The FPUC program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for FPUC is week ending March 13, 2021. There is no phaseout period for FPUC.

You may also be eligible for MEUC in addition to FPUC. More information is below.

I was actively filing for PUA week ending 12/26/20 and did NOT have a previous PEUC claim

You are currently filing a claim under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. The Continued Assistance Act increased the maximum amount of benefits available under the PUA program from 39 weeks to 50 weeks. Any weeks in which you received regular unemployment compensation (UC) or Extended Benefits (EB) since January 27, 2020 will be subtracted from this amount.

There is no new PUA application that must be filed to receive this benefit. Continue to file your weekly voucher for the PUA program if you remain unemployed. You will also need to complete the To-Do on your Claimant Homepage to File a New UI Claim. These additional PUA benefits may only be collected for weeks ending on or after December 27, 2020.

The PUA program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for PUA is week ending March 13, 2021. If you receive a PUA payment for week ending March 13, 2021 and have remaining entitlement on your claim, you may be eligible to participate in a phaseout period and you may continue to collect PUA through week ending April 10, 2021.

Additionally, for each week of PUA eligibility, you will be eligible for the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program. Starting with week ending January 2, 2021, if you are eligible for at least \$1 of your underlying unemployment benefit amount for any week of unemployment, you will also receive a \$300 supplemental FPUC payment. You do not need to take any additional action to receive this supplemental payment. The FPUC program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for FPUC is week ending March 13, 2021. There is no phaseout period for FPUC.

Claimants receiving PUA are not eligible for MEUC.

I was NOT actively filing week ending 12/26/20 but had a previous PEUC claim

This notice is to inform you that you may be eligible for additional benefits under the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program with the passage of the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020 (Continued Assistance Act), as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

If you are unemployed or partially unemployed after December 27, 2020, please complete the To-Do on your Claimant Homepage to File a New UI Claim for the quarter change. Continue to file your weekly vouchers and add employment history for any employment you have had after the last voucher you filed.

The Continued Assistance Act increased the maximum amount of benefits available under the PEUC program from 13 times your average weekly benefit amount to 24 times your average weekly benefit amount and is available to individuals who have exhausted their entitlement to regular unemployment insurance.

The PEUC program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for PEUC is week ending March 13, 2021. If you are eligible to resume filing your claim for PEUC, receive a PEUC payment for week ending March 13, 2021, and have remaining entitlement on your claim, you may be eligible to participate in a phaseout period and you may continue to collect PEUC through week ending April 10, 2021.

Additionally, for each week of PEUC eligibility, you will be eligible for the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program. Starting with week ending January 2, 2021, if you are eligible for at least \$1 of your underlying unemployment benefit amount for any week of unemployment, you will also receive a \$300 supplemental FPUC payment. You do not need to take any additional action to receive this supplemental payment. The FPUC program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for FPUC is week ending March 13, 2021. There is no phaseout period for FPUC.

You may also be eligible for MEUC in addition to FPUC. More information is below.

I was NOT actively filing week ending 12/26/20 but had a previous PUA claim (but never had a PEUC claim)

This notice is to inform you that you may be eligible for additional benefits under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program with the passage of the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020 (Continued Assistance Act), as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

If you are unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work after December 27, 2020 because of COVID-19, please complete the To-Do on your Claimant Homepage to File a New UI Claim for the quarter change. Continue to file your weekly vouchers and add employment history for any employment you have had after the last voucher you filed.

The Continued Assistance Act increased the maximum amount of benefits available under the PUA program from 39 weeks to 50 weeks and is available to individuals who are affected by

COVID-19 and are self-employed or otherwise not eligible for regular unemployment insurance. Any weeks in which you received regular UC or Extended Benefits (EB) since January 27, 2020 will be subtracted from this amount.

The PUA program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for PUA is week ending March 13, 2021. If you are eligible to resume filing your claim for PUA, receive a PUA payment for week ending March 13, 2021, and have remaining entitlement on your claim, you may be eligible to participate in a phaseout period and you may continue to collect PUA through week ending April 10, 2021.

Additionally, for each week of PUA eligibility, you will be eligible for the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program. Starting with week ending January 2, 2021, if you are eligible for at least \$1 of your underlying unemployment benefit amount for any week of unemployment, you will also receive a \$300 supplemental FPUC payment. You do not need to take any additional action to receive this supplemental payment. The FPUC program expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for FPUC is week ending March 13, 2021. There is no phaseout period for FPUC.

Claimants receiving PUA are not eligible for MEUC.

I have a regular UI claim or PEUC but also have self-employment and may be eligible for MEUC.

You may be eligible for an additional \$100 supplemental payment under the Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program *if you received regular unemployment insurance or PEUC and you were also self-employed.*

To qualify, you must: 1) have earned at least \$5,000 in self-employment income in the most recent taxable year prior to your application for regular unemployment insurance, and 2) submit documentation substantiating your self-employment income.

If you are eligible for the MEUC program and are paid at least \$1 of your underlying unemployment benefit amount for any week of unemployment, you will receive the \$100 MEUC payment. This is provided in addition to FPUC. MEUC starts with week ending January 2, 2021 and expires on March 14, 2021. This means that the last payable week for MEUC is week ending March 13, 2021. There is no phaseout period for MEUC.

DWD is still reviewing the USDOL guidance on MEUC and working to implement the program. More information will be provided once it is available.

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