



Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) and Extended Benefits (EB20) Guidance

Should your 26 weeks of unemployment end it is important to note that you may qualify for additional unemployment benefits through the **Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)** and the **Extended Benefits (EB20)** programs. Please read the following details below to understand the benefits associated with each program and the process to follow:

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits to individuals who have established a regular unemployment claim with a benefit year ending on or after July 1, 2019 and who either exhausted their entitlement or whose benefit year has expired. The PEUC program is in effect from March 29, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Your weekly benefit will be the same as your previous 26 week calculated weekly benefits. Additional Federal aid does not apply.

If you meet the requirements described below, you may be eligible for PEUC.

- *You must be currently unemployed*
- *If you are working less than full-time, your gross earnings must be less than the weekly benefit amount.*
- *You must have exhausted all rights to regular unemployment benefits or the benefit year on your regular claim must have expired on or after July 1, 2019.*
- *You are not eligible to receive regular unemployment benefits in Hawaii, another state or Canada.*
- *You must be able to work, available to work, and actively seeking work (currently the requirement to actively seek work has been temporarily waived during Covid-19).*
- *****Please refer to page 2 for the application process*****

Extended Benefits (EB20) provides for an additional 13 weeks of benefits to those who have exhausted their Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits and otherwise meet the EB20 requirements. Review of your application takes at least 14 business days. The requirements to qualify are similar to the PEUC. With the additional 13 weeks, you as an eligible claimant may receive up to 52 weeks of benefits. Your weekly benefit will be the same as your previous 39 week calculated weekly benefits. Additional Federal aid does not apply.

*****Please refer to page 3 for the application process*****

How to Apply for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) provides an additional 13 weeks of benefits to those who have exhausted their benefits and have a zero dollar (\$0) balance.

To apply for PEUC, sign into your UI account and click the link under the PEUC announcement.

You will be directed to a page with the five prequalification questions as follows:

- 1) Are you unemployed or working less than full-time hours and your gross earnings is less than your weekly benefit amount?

For example, if you work less than full-time hours and your wages may be less than your weekly benefit amount, then select "Yes".

- 2) Did you file a claim in Hawaii?

For example, if you filed a claim on HUIClaims or using the PDF in Hawaii, select "Yes."

- 3) Have you applied for unemployment benefits in another State or federal program?

*For example, if you applied for benefits and were determined to be **ineligible**, select "No".*

- 4) Are you receiving compensation under the Unemployment Compensation laws of Canada?

- 5) Are you able to work, available to work, and actively seeking work (currently the requirement to actively seek work has been temporarily waived during Covid-19)?

Answer the questions and submit them.

If you qualify for PEUC, you will see a confirmation message.

If you have a pending issue(s) on your claim, you will see a message informing you that your claim is being reviewed.

If you do not qualify for PEUC, you will see a message explaining why you do not qualify for PEUC.

How to Apply for Extended Benefits (EB20)

EB20 provides for an additional 13 weeks of benefits to those who have exhausted their Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits and otherwise meet the EB20 requirements. Review of your application takes at least 14 business days.

STEP 1:

Log into your UI account and click the link under the EB20 announcement.

STEP 2:

Answer the Prequalification Questions that includes some of the following:

- *Did you apply for PUA?*
- *Did you work or were employed in the last 18 months in another state?*
- *Did you file a claim in Hawaii?*
- *Have you applied for unemployment benefits in another State or federal program?*

For example, if you applied for benefits and were determined to be ineligible, select "No."

STEP 3:

After answering the Prequalification Questions click Continue to answer the Eligibility Review Questions that include some of the following:

- *Are you able to accept full-time work?*
- *Are you self-employed or in business of any kind?*
- *What type of work did you perform on your last job?*
- *What days did you work?*
- *Are you willing to work the same days?*
- *What was your rate of pay?*
- *Have you worked for an educational institution employer within the past 18 months?*

For example, if you worked for a school or university, select "Yes."

STEP 4:

After reviewing your answers to the Prequalification Questions and Eligibility Review Questions, click "I agree" and "Submit" to complete your EB application.

If you still have benefits remaining on your PEUC claim, you will receive a message informing you so. Otherwise, your EB20 application will be reviewed.