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EXPIRATION OF FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT & PANDEMIC BENEFITS

INFORMATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

On September 5, 2021, several Federal unemployment benefit programs will be expiring across the country, per Federal law.

The Federal benefit programs that will be expiring are:

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
- Extended Benefits (EB)
- \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits will continue to be paid to eligible claimants even though these four Federal programs are ending. To be considered eligible for UI after September 5, 2021, a claimant would need to be unemployed AND be in the first 26 weeks (or 104 effective days) of benefits. Claimants can find their effective days remaining for UI benefits in their online Payment History. Because FPUC is ending, any weeks a claimant is eligible to receive UI benefits after September 5, 2021 will no longer include the additional \$300.

USDOL has recently asked States to accept new PUA claims for a period of 30-days after September 5, 2021. NYS DOL will accept those claims, evaluate for eligibility, and backdate where appropriate as required by USDOL.

While the EB program will fully end on September 5, 2021, New York State has recently fallen below the rate established by the federal government in order for the state to qualify for the highest level of EB. Effective August 9, 2021, EB will be available for a maximum of 13 weeks. Claimants who have received 13+ weeks of EB will no longer be eligible for EB on their existing claim after the benefit week of August 9, 2021, but may be eligible for PEUC or PUA benefits through September 5, 2021.

REAPPLICATION OPTIONS

Claimants may reapply for UI benefits when they reach the end of their current benefit year. To be eligible for a new UI claim, claimants must have worked and earned enough wages in covered employment during the past five quarters. Claimants who received no wages from covered employment during the past five quarters, including many PUA recipients, will not be eligible for a new UI claim.

New Yorkers can use NYS DOL's benefit rate calculator to estimate their weekly UI rate based on earnings. This figure is an estimate. on.ny.gov/uicalculators

JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

NYS DOL has several free resources and partnerships available to assist New Yorkers in their job search:

- **Career Services:** NYS DOL's online resources include resume writing tools, interview tips, job postings, and specialized services. Stay tuned for more information about our Virtual Career Center. on.ny.gov/findajob
- **JobZone:** NYS DOL currently has more than 180,000 jobs posted from all regions of the state, and across all industries on JobZone. New Yorkers can utilize job search resources and tools, while searching for jobs. jobzone.ny.gov
- **Coursera:** Unemployed New Yorkers can take thousands of free, online programs and certificate courses through NYS DOL's partnership with Coursera. on.ny.gov/coursera
- **SUNY For All:** Free skill-building, college prep, and employment certification programs with one-on-one career coaching to help New Yorkers train up. suny.edu/sunyforall
- **Career Fairs & Workshops:** NYS DOL continues to hold no-cost virtual workshops and job fairs. on.ny.gov/careercalendar

CONTINUED ASSISTANCE

New York's myBenefits resource highlights assistance provided by other state programs and services. By going to mybenefits.ny.gov, New Yorkers can get more information and apply for:

- Food programs (SNAP, WIC, Summer Food Service Program, and more)
- Temporary Assistance (TA)
- Health insurance programs
- Veterans' benefits
- Services for older New Yorkers
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
- Special tax credits, and more.

To access myBenefits or to create an account, New Yorkers must use a username and password created specifically for myBenefits. They cannot use an account created for another **NY.gov** application, including benefits through NYS DOL.

For more information about the end of the federal unemployment benefit programs and extensions, please visit the DOL's website: dol.ny.gov