

# EXPIRATION OF FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT & PANDEMIC BENEFITS

On September 5, 2021, several Federal unemployment benefit programs will be expiring across the country, in accordance with 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) supplement
- \$100 Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) supplement

PUA, PEUC, and the FPUC supplement were put in place by Congress to address the COVID emergency. Congress set an end date of September 5 for these programs. In addition to these programs ending on September 5, the additional \$300 weekly supplement available through FPUC and the \$100 weekly supplement available to some claimants through MEUC will also end.

\*The Federal benefits program EB ends for all states on September 5, along with the other programs listed above. The Federal government ties the EB program to a state's unemployment rate and because 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, the program is only available for a maximum of 13 weeks as of August 9, 2021.

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 but may be eligible for PEUC or PUA benefits through September 5.

Traditional Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits will continue to be paid to eligible claimants even though these five Federal programs are ending. To be considered eligible for UI after September 5, 2021, a claimant would need to be unemployed AND have collected less than 26 full weeks of unemployment. Claimants can find their effective days remaining for UI benefits in their online Payment History.

The United States Department of Labor (USDOL) has recently asked states to accept new PUA claims for a period of 30-days after September 5.

NYS DOL will accept those claims, evaluate for eligibility, and backdate where appropriate as required by USDOL. PUA claims accepted during this 30-day period will only be for periods of unemployment beginning December 7, 2020 and ending September 5, 2021.

## REAPPLYING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AT BENEFIT YEAR END (BYE)

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 (employment where a W2 should be issued) 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://suny.edu/sunyforall)
- Career Fairs & Workshops: NYS DOL continues to hold no-cost virtual workshops and job fairs. [on.ny.gov/careercalendar](https://on.ny.gov/careercalendar)

## OTHER AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE

New York's myBenefits resource highlights assistance provided by other state programs and services. By going to [mybenefits.ny.gov](https://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)
- Emergency Assistance
- 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.

## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERAP)

New Yorkers who owe back rent or utilities arrears may qualify for emergency rental assistance through the ERAP program. Visit [otda.ny.gov/erap](https://otda.ny.gov/erap) to learn more.

## INFORMATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

For more information about the end of the federal unemployment benefit programs and extensions, please visit the DOL's website: [dol.ny.gov/fedexp](https://dol.ny.gov/fedexp)