

UNEMPLOYMENT DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS



Breaking Down Unemployment Insurance (UI), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), and How to Apply for Benefits

WHAT IS UI AND WHO IS IT FOR?

Typical unemployment benefits filed through your state.



THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR UI DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING ELSE.

Continue to certify weekly.

EXTRA \$600 PER WEEK

Every person receiving UI or PUA will automatically get an additional \$600 per week from March 27, 2020-July 31, 2020. If you've successfully applied for UI or PUA, you don't need to do anything else to receive this money.

RUN OUT OF UI? YOU HAVE 13 EXTRA WEEKS

The CARES Act extends state UI programs by 13 weeks for those who've exhausted their UI allowance.



WHAT IS PUA AND WHO IS IT FOR?



A NEW UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT FOR THOSE INELIGIBLE FOR UI

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Self-employed workers, independent contractors, freelancers, workers seeking part-time work, and workers without a long enough history to qualify for UI benefits.



THE PUA PROGRAM RUNS FROM JANUARY 27, 2020-DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Workers will be eligible for retroactive benefits and can access these for 39 weeks.

WHO IS INELIGIBLE?

Anyone teleworking with pay, receiving paid sick days or paid leave and undocumented workers.

PROVE ELIGIBILITY FOR PUA

Applicants must certify that they are partially/fully unemployed OR unable to work for **one** of the following circumstances:



- They've been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have symptoms and are seeking diagnosis
- A member of their household has been diagnosed with COVID-19
- They're providing care for someone diagnosed with COVID-19
- They're providing care for a child or other household member who can't attend school or work because it is closed due to COVID-19
- They're quarantined or have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine
- They were scheduled to start employment and don't have a job or can't reach their place of employment because of COVID-19
- They've become the breadwinner for a household because the head of household has died as a direct result of COVID-19
- They had to quit their job as a direct result of COVID-19
- Their place of employment is closed as a direct result of COVID-19
- They meet other criteria established by the Secretary of Labor.

APPLY FOR PUA OR UI

<https://www.vec.virginia.gov/unemployed/online-services/apply-for-unemployment-benefits>

