



## State Extended Benefits (SEB)

### FAQ's

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*Unemployed claimants who have exhausted their regular state Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) Benefits may now be eligible for State Extended Benefits (SEB). Nevada's 13-week average Insured Unemployment rate is currently 19.5% which by law activates a state and federal program to provide additional extended benefits to qualifying unemployed workers. While these benefits were originally triggered on May 3, with claimants beginning to exhaust PEUC benefits, the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation wants to remind claimants of this additional potential benefit eligibility. Claimants who have an established unemployment claim and have exhausted all regular state UI benefits and all federal PEUC benefits, could be eligible for State Extended Benefit (SEB). The following information is important SEB information.*

#### **What is the State Extended Benefits (SEB) program?**

The State Extended Benefits (SEB) program is a temporary program that provides up to 13 weeks of 100% federally funded benefits to claimants who have exhausted their UI and PEUC benefits. Claimants whose UI benefit year ended after May 3, 2020 are eligible for SEB benefits provided a new UI benefit year eligibility cannot be established. Claimants will need to be able and available to seek or accept work once restrictions have been lifted due the COVID-19 provisions.

#### **How long will SEB be available?**

SEB is payable beginning the week ending May 9, 2020 until the State triggers off. New information will be updated on [DETR's COVID-19 page](#) as it becomes available.

#### **Am I eligible for State Extended Benefits (SEB)?**

Possibly, not all UI claimants will be eligible for SEB. You may be eligible if your UI benefit year ended after May 3, 2020; if you are currently not eligible for any other UI benefits; if you currently exhausted your Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC); and if you are able and available for work, with the exception where COVID-19 reasons have made it not possible to seek or accept work.

#### **How will I know if I am eligible for SEB?**

DETR will send out written notification advising you of your potential entitlement to SEB and include filing instructions.

## **How do I file for SEB benefits?**

Once you have an exhausted Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claim (PEUC), login to your unemployment account at [ui.nv.gov](http://ui.nv.gov) and select the “Apply for State Extended Benefits” link on the Claimant Home Page under Smartlinks to file your SEB claim.

The most efficient and effective way to file or reactivate a UI claim is through the UInv Claimant Self-Service filing system at [ui.nv.gov](http://ui.nv.gov). If you wish to file over the telephone, please be aware that wait times are high and that there may be a delay in your ability to file your claim. If you choose to file over the telephone, select option number five (5) for the 13-week extended benefits under the State Extended Benefit (SEB) claim.

- Northern Nevada-- (775) 684-0350
- Southern Nevada-- (702) 486-0350
- Rural Nevada & Out-of-State-- (888) 890-8211

## **Are there any special requirements for SEB?**

No. All current Nevada laws and rules for unemployment eligibility apply the same to SEB as they apply to regular unemployment benefits.

## **How do I know when my PEUC claim has exhausted to be SEB eligible?**

Your claim is exhausted when you have been paid your maximum benefit amount (MBA) for your PEUC claim and funds are no longer available.

## **Is there a waiting week for SEB?**

No, SEB does not have a separate waiting week.

## **How soon will my SEB claim be active?**

SEB claim activation can take from 48 to 72 hours in order to determine eligibility.

## **What is the weekly benefit amount I am eligible to receive on SEB?**

SEB is an extension of your UI and PEUC claims. If you are eligible to file SEB, you will receive the same weekly benefit amount as you did on your regular UI claim and PEUC claim. In addition to your weekly benefit amount, you will also receive the FPUC weekly \$600 payments for weeks filed between April 4, 2020 through July 25, 2020.

## **Am I required to complete a work search for SEB?**

An executive order issued by Governor Sisolak waives all work search requirements for those who are currently filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits. These waivers are automatically applied to claims. Additional guidance will be provided in line with the [Governor's Sisolak Roadmap to Recovery](#). Changes to the requirement of waivers may occur on a **weekly** basis due to this guidance so please watch for additional instructions or advisements.

## **Will my employer be charged for SEB?**

No, SEB benefits are 100% federally funded and there is no charge to the employer for these benefits paid.

### **Can I still receive FPUC payments if I am filing on SEB?**

Yes. The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) \$600 payment will be available for eligible claim weeks filed between April 4, 2020 through July 25, 2020.

### **What if I did not have any employment since my last separation?**

You will still need to provide information regarding your last separation from employment. If the separation has already been adjudicated on your regular UI claim, it will not be addressed a second time.

### **If I return to work on a part-time basis, am I eligible for SEB?**

Potentially. If you return to work and continue to file, you may be eligible for reduced unemployment benefits. You would need to report each week the total gross wages earned. If your earnings are equal to or more than your weekly benefit amount, you will not be eligible for that week of benefits.

### **I am eligible for a new UI benefit year, can I still file for SEB benefits?**

No. If you are eligible for a new UI benefit year, you must **stop** filing on the SEB claim and begin filing on a new UI claim. Your eligibility for a new benefit year will occur the day after your current benefit year ends.

### **I recently filed a new UI claim, am I eligible for SEB?**

No, not while you are eligible for regular UI benefits. Once the regular UI claim exhausts you may possibly be eligible to file for PEUC benefits.

### **I receive Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) benefits, will my amount be reduced if I file SEB?**

Yes, the maximum amount of SEB payable will reduce your TRA entitlement.

### **I exhausted my benefits before May 3, 2020 and have not worked since, am I eligible for SEB?**

No. However, depending on when you last reported income, you may be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), which provides benefits to those individuals who do not have enough wages in their base year to file for a regular unemployment insurance claim. Please visit DETR's [COVID-19 page](#) for information on the PUA program.

### **I was self-employed and don't qualify for regular UI. Am I eligible for SEB?**

No. If you did not qualify for a regular unemployment claim because you were self-employed, a contract worker, gig economy worker, etc. you may qualify for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) instead of PEUC. Please visit DETR's [COVID-19 page](#) for more information on the PUA program.