



Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) FAQ's

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The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. The Act provides enhanced Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) for Nevada workers. Here's what you need to know.

What is Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)?

On March 27, 2020, Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 was signed into law (Public Law 116-136) which created a new temporary program called the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) Program. FPUC provides an additional \$600 per week to an individual collecting benefits under the following programs: Unemployment Insurance, State Extended Benefits (SEB), Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA), and the new Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) programs.

What weeks will FPUC be paid for?

FPUC is payable beginning the week ending April 4, 2020 and will end the week ending July 25, 2020.

How do I qualify for FPUC?

If you are eligible and collecting benefits for unemployment insurance, PEUC, PUA, SEB, or TRA your claim qualifies you to receive the weekly FPUC payment in addition to your weekly benefit amount.

How will I receive the \$600 FPUC payments?

- If you are receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits, your FPUC payments will be paid via the Nevada Unemployment Insurance Debit Card. You may check your updated balance and transaction record anytime day or night, even weekends and holidays, by visiting www.bankofamerica.com/nevadauidebitcard. You will typically receive a FPUC payment for an eligible week within two business days of filing your weekly claim.
- Nevada is currently developing the PEUC and PUA programs and FPUC payments will be available to individuals eligible for PEUC and PUA. Information on the PEUC and PUA programs will be updated to the detr.nv.gov/coronavirus page.
- If you are receiving Trade Readjustment Allowances Benefits, your FPUC payments will be paid via the same method as you receive your TRA benefits.

Where do I see my FPUC payment on my UInv Claimant Self Service (CSS) account?

FPUC payment information is not currently viewable on the Claimant Self Service (CSS) portal at UI.NV.gov. The Division is developing functionality to allow FPUC payments to be viewable in UInv and will update this information when it is available.

In order to confirm you have received the weekly FPUC payment, please visit the Nevada Unemployment Insurance Debit Card site at www.bankofamerica.com/nevadauidebitcard.

How do I file for the additional \$600 FPUC payment?

Follow the normal weekly claim filing process for Unemployment Insurance benefits through the Claimant Self Service (CSS) portal at UI.NV.gov. You must file your weekly claims and be eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits in order to receive the FPUC payments.

Will wages I earn affect my FPUC payment?

All wages must be reported on your weekly claim filing in the week they are earned. Any eligible week in which benefits are paid will receive the FPUC payment. If your reported wages are over your weekly benefit amount, you will not be eligible to receive a FPUC payment for the week.

Will FPUC be subject to Federal Income Tax?

Yes, FPUC is taxable income. If you have chosen to withhold Federal Income Tax from your unemployment insurance benefits, Federal Income Taxes will also be withheld from your FPUC payments. FPUC payments with taxes withheld will be reduced from \$600 to \$540.