



Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) FAQ's

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What is Lost Wages Assistance (LWA)?

LWA provides an additional \$300 per week to any “eligible claimant” affected by COVID-19 that is collecting benefits under the following programs: Unemployment Insurance (UI), State Extended Benefits (SEB), Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).

Who is defined as an “eligible claimant”?

Under the Presidential memo, an eligible claimant is defined as an individual:

- Whose Weekly Benefit Amount (WBA) is at least \$100 for UI, SEB, TRA, and PEUC and PUA
- Who self-certifies they are unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19

What weeks will LWA be paid?

LWA is payable beginning the week ending August 1, 2020 and will end the week ending September 05, 2020. The grant is for these weeks only and cannot be issued outside of this period.

NOTE: LWA may terminate sooner if funds are exhausted prior to week ending September 5, 2020.

How do I qualify for LWA?

If you are an eligible claimant who self-certified as being unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19 and collected at least \$100 benefits for UI, PEUC, PUA, SEB, or TRA for weeks ending 08/01/2020 to 09/05/2020, you automatically qualify to receive the weekly LWA payment in addition to your weekly benefit amount.

How will I receive the \$300 LWA payments?

- If you are receiving UI (at least \$100 a week), PEUC, or SEB benefits, your LWA 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.
- If you are receiving PUA Benefits, your LWA payments will be paid via the same method as you receive your PUA benefits.

- If you are receiving Trade Readjustment Allowances Benefits, your LWA payments will be paid via the same method as you receive your TRA benefits.

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

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

Where do I see my LWA Payment on my PUA account?

LWA payments for PUA can be viewed by logging on to EmployNV.gov and selecting claim summary.

How do I file for the additional \$300 LWA payment?

If you are filing weekly on UI, PEUC, SEB or PUA, and the week is payable, the LWA payment will automatically be released.

Will wages I earn affect my LWA payment?

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

Is LWA subject to Federal Income Tax?

Yes, LWA is taxable income. If you have chosen to withhold Federal Income Tax from your benefits, Federal Income Taxes will also be withheld from your LWA payments. Weekly LWA payments with taxes withheld will be reduced from \$300 to \$270.

What if I have not been approved for benefits and the LWA funding runs out?

There will be **NO** retroactive release of funds after LWA grant funding exhausts.