

# LWA QUESTIONS?

UI Call Center: 702-486-0350 775-684-0350 888-890-8211

PUA Call Center: 800-603-9681 775-298-6007 702-329-6699

## **Operating Hours:**

M – F 8 AM – 8 PM Sat. 8 AM – Noon

## **REMINDER:**

Due to a high volume of calls, you may experience longer waiting times.

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# Lost Wages Assistance (LWA)

Lost Wages Assistance (LWA), a new temporary federal program announced by President Donald Trump in early August, is funded through a finite amount of money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). LWA provides an additional \$300 per week to an individual collecting benefits under the following programs: Unemployment Insurance (UI), State Extended Benefits (SEB), Readjustment Allowances (TRA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).

**NOTE: LWA may terminate sooner if funds are exhausted prior to week ending September 5, 2020.** LWA payments will be sent one week at a time until the funds run out.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Only claimants whose unemployment is COVID-related are eligible.
- Eligibility for Lost Wages is tied to certain weeks of eligibility.
- 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.
- If you are filing weekly on UI, PEUC, SEB or PUA, and the week is payable, the LWA payment will automatically be released.

#### LWA PAYMENTS:

- Your LWA payments will be paid via the same method as you receive your UI, PEUC, SEB, PUA or TRA benefits.
- LWA is taxable income. If you have chosen to withhold Federal Income Tax from your other unemployment benefits, Federal Income Taxes will also be withheld from your LWA payments reducing the LWA benefit to \$270.
- 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.
- 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.

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

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**NOTE:** Information on CARES act programs will be updated to the DETR COVID-webpage at <u>detr.nv.gov/coronavirus.</u>