



# Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

## FAQ's

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**Please note:** these FAQ's will be updated as necessary as we make systematic programming changes based on federal guidance.

**\*NEW-Updated the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)-PEUC Program\***

- PEUC program extended until September 4, 2021. New claims can be filed until September 4, 2021
- Increased the maximum number of PEUC weeks available from 24 weeks to up to 53 weeks. Please note, not all 53 weeks will be paid out due to the expiration of the program. Additional weeks will be payable from March 14, 2021 to September 4, 2021.
- New FPUC \$300 stimulus added to weekly benefits filed from March 20, 2021 to September 4, 2021

### **What is Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)?**

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits is a temporary program that provides up to 53 weeks of 100% federally funded benefits to claimants who have exhausted their regular UI claim. Claimants whose UI benefit year ended on or after July 1, 2019 are eligible for PEUC 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 to the COVID-19 provisions.

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

Thirteen weeks of PEUC are payable beginning the week ending March 29, 2020 through week ending December 26, 2020. An additional eleven weeks were authorized and are payable beginning week ending January 2, 2021 through end week ending March 13, 2021. **On March 11, 2021, an additional 29 weeks were authorized and payable beginning the week ending March 20, 2021 through week ending September 4, 2021.**

## **Am I eligible for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits?**

Possibly, not all UI claimants will be eligible for PEUC. You may be eligible if you have exhausted your regular UI benefits on or after March 29, 2020; if you are currently not eligible for any other UI benefits; 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 PEUC?**

DETR will send out written notification advising you of your potential entitlement to PEUC and include filing instructions. This notification will be sent if you established a claim with a benefit year ending after July 1, 2019.

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

Notification will be mailed to your address on file advising you of your potential eligibility for PEUC benefits. When you receive this letter, you will need to login to your unemployment account at [ui.nv.gov](http://ui.nv.gov) and follow these steps:

1. **If you have an active and exhausted claim:** select the “Apply for Emergency Unemployment Comp” link on the Claimant Home Page under Smartlinks to file your PEUC Claim.  
**OR**
2. **If you have an inactive and exhausted claim:** select the “Reactivate my UI Claim” link on the Claimant Home Page under Smartlinks and follow the steps to reactivate your UI claim. Once you receive confirmation you have reactivated your UI Claim, return to the Claimant Home Page and select the “Apply for Emergency Unemployment Comp” link under Smartlinks to file your PEUC claim.  
**OR**
3. **If you have an expired UI claim:** You will need to open a new UI claim using the “File a New Unemployment Insurance Claim” link. It may take up to 48 to 72 hours for the system to determine if your new claim is Monetarily Eligible.
  - If you have Monetary Eligibility on your new UI claim, you will not be able to file for PEUC claim until that claim is exhausted.
  - If you do not have Monetary Eligibility on your new claim, you will be presented the “Apply for Emergency Unemployment Comp” link on the Claimant Home Page under Smartlinks and will be able to file your PEUC 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 there may be a delay in your ability to file your claim. If you choose to file over the telephone, select option number four (4) for the extended benefits under the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) claim.

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

## **What if I exhausted PEUC prior to December 26, 2020 and I am on State Extended Benefits (SEB)?**

Any claimant who had exhausted PEUC prior to December 26, 2020 and went on SEB, will stay on SEB until their SEB is exhausted. At the end of SEB, the claimant will be placed back on PEUC to file up to the end of that program.

## **What if I already filed for State Extended Benefits (SEB)?**

Any claimant who had a balance on their PEUC extension as of December 26, 2020 but had already filed a State Extended Benefits (SEB) claim early, will be automatically placed back on PEUC in order to exhaust all PEUC benefits.

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

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

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

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

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

No, PEUC does not have a separate waiting week.

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

PEUC 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 PEUC?**

PEUC is an extension to your regular UI claim. If you are eligible to file PEUC, you will receive the same weekly benefit amount as you did on your regular UI claim. In addition to your weekly benefit amount, you will also receive FPUC. FPUC is payable for the additional \$600 beginning the week ending April 4, 2020 through week ending July 25, 2020. **FPUC is payable for the additional \$300 beginning the week ending January 2, 2021 through week ending September 4, 2021.**

## **My claim did not have the full 26 weeks of benefits. How many weeks will I get for PEUC?**

The first extension authorized to eligible claimants was for an additional 13 weeks of benefits, regardless of the maximum benefit amount of your prior claim. An additional 11 weeks were authorized on December 27, 2020 and were payable beginning the week ending January 2, 2021 through end week ending March 13, 2021. On March 11, 2021, **The ARPA authorized an additional 29 weeks beginning week ending March 20, 2021 through week ending September 4, 2021.**

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

Work search waivers are in place beginning March 15, 2020 for all claimants. These waivers are automatically applied to claims. Additional guidance will be provided in line with the [Governor's 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 PEUC?**

No, PEUC 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 PEUC?**

Yes. In addition to your weekly benefit amount, you will also receive FPUC. FPUC is payable for the additional \$600 beginning the week ending April 4, 2020 through week ending July 25, 2020. **FPUC is payable for the additional \$300 beginning the week ending January 2, 2021 through week ending September 4, 2021.**

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

You will 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 PEUC?**

Potentially. You would need to report each week the total gross wages earned. **If your earnings are less than one and one-half times your weekly benefit amount (WBA), you may be eligible for a reduced unemployment benefit.** If your earnings exceed one and one-half times your WBA, you will not be eligible for that week of benefits.

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

No. If you are eligible for a new UI benefit year, you must stop filing on the PEUC 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 for a new UI claim, am I eligible for PEUC?**

No. If you are UI eligible, you are required to file on the UI claim until exhausted.

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

No, if you are entitled to receive TRA funds, the maximum amount of PEUC payable will not reduce by reason of TRA entitlement.

**I exhausted my benefits before July 1, 2019 and have not worked since, am I eligible for PEUC?**

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 PEUC?**

No. If you don't qualify for a regular unemployment claim because you were self-employed, 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.