

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) is a new temporary federal program that is part of the CARES Act.

PUA is available retroactively from February 2, 2020 through December 26, 2020 and provides up to **39 weeks** of benefits to qualifying individuals who do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance (UI), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) or State Extended Benefits (SEB) but are otherwise able to work and available for work except they are unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work due to a COVID-19 related reason. **Benefits are payable for weeks you were previously out of work, even if you have since returned to work.**

ELIGIBILITY: Covered Individuals include:

- Self-employed
- 1099 contract workers
- Gig workers
- Employees whose wages are not covered by unemployment insurance
- Employees who have not earned enough wages or worked enough hours for regular unemployment insurance benefits
- Individuals who were going to start work but could not due to COVID-19 pandemic

PUA PAYMENTS: The minimum weekly benefit amount for PUA payments in Nevada is \$181 per week. This amount may be increased by providing income documentation for the past calendar year (2019). PUA benefits may not be more than the State of Nevada's maximum weekly benefit amount for regular UI benefits which is \$469 per week.

All individuals collecting PUA will receive \$600 per week from the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), in addition to the PUA weekly benefits as calculated above. FPUC payments will begin with the week ending April 4, 2020. The last week that FPUC is payable is the week ending July 25, 2020.

Documentation needed to confirm previous income include:

- W-2 or 1099 forms
- Tax returns
- Pay stubs
- Bank receipts
- Billing statements

Documentation will need to be provided within the PUA application, documentation which has been sent to DETR through other means will not be transferred to PUA

For PUA announcements, resources and updates claimants are encouraged to visit DETR's COVID-19 webpage at: detr.nv.gov/pua



PUA FILING

ONLINE:

www.employnv.gov

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PUA Call Center:
1-800-603-9681

Operating Hours:
M-F 8 AM – 8 PM
Sat. 8 AM – Noon

REMINDERS:

File weekly for PUA benefit

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