

State Extended Benefits (SEB) FAQ's

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What is State Extended Benefits (SEB)?

State Extended Benefits (SEB) is a temporary program that provides up to 20 weeks of 100% federally funded benefits to claimants who have exhausted their Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). Claimants whose UI benefit year ended after May 3, 2020 are eligible for SEB 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 the COVID-19 provisions.

How long will SEB be available?

SEB is payable beginning the week ending May 30, 2020 until the State triggers off. New information will be updated on <u>DETR's COVID-19 page</u> as it becomes available.

Am I eligible for State Extended Benefits (SEB)?

Possibly, not all UI claimants will be eligible for SEB. You may be eligible if your UI benefit year ended after May 3, 2020; if you are currently not eligible for any other UI benefits; if you currently exhausted your Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC); 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 SEB?

You will receive SEB information on the monetary determination sent in the mail by the department.

How do I file for SEB benefits?

You will need to login to your unemployment account at <u>ui.nv.gov</u> and follow these steps:

- 1. If you have an exhausted the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claim (PEUC): select the "Apply for State Extended Benefits" link on the Claimant Home Page under Smartlinks to file your SEB claim.
- 2. 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. If you wish to file over the telephone, please be aware that wait times are high and that there may be a delay in your ability to file your claim. If you choose to file over the telephone, select option five (5) from the main menu for the State Extended Benefit program.

Telephone numbers:

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

Are there any special requirements for SEB?

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

How do I know when my PEUC claim has exhausted to be SEB eligible?

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

Is there a waiting week for SEB?

No, SEB does not have a separate waiting week.

How soon will my SEB claim be active?

SEB 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 SEB?

SEB is an extension of your PEUC claim. If you are eligible to file SEB, you will receive the same weekly benefit amount as you did on your regular UI claim and PEUC claim. In addition to your weekly benefit amount, you will also receive the FPUC weekly \$600 payments for weeks filed between April 4, 2020 through July 25, 2020 and weekly \$300 payments for weeks filed between January 2, 2021 through September 4, 2021.

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

SEB is up to 50% of your original unemployment claim.

Will my employer be charged for SEB?

No, SEB 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 SEB?

Yes. The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) \$600 payment will be available for eligible claim weeks filed between April 4, 2020 through July 25, 2020 and \$300 weekly payments for weeks filed January 2, 2021 through September 4, 2021.

If I return to work on a part-time basis, am I eligible for SEB?

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, you may be eligible for a reduced unemployment benefit. If your earnings exceed one and one-half times your weekly benefit amount, you will not be eligible for that week of benefits.

I am eligible for a new UI benefit year, can I still file for SEB benefits?

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

No, not while you are eligible for regular UI benefits. Once the regular UI claim exhausts you may possibly be eligible to file for PEUC benefits.

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

Yes, the maximum amount of SEB payable will reduce your TRA entitlement.

I exhausted my benefits before May 3, 2020 and have not worked since, am I eligible for SEB?

Possibly. You could be eligible for PEUC if you had a UI claim with a Benefit Year Ending (BYE) after July 6, 2019. 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 <u>COVID-19 page</u> for information on the PUA program.

I was self-employed and don't qualify for regular UI. Am I eligible for SEB?

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 <u>COVID-19 page</u> for more information on the PUA program.

What is Total Unemployment Rate (TUR)?

Nevada recently allowed additional weeks of benefits for State Extended Benefits (SEB). Total Unemployment Rate (TUR) adds an additional 30% of the parent claim up to 7 additional weeks for a total of up to 20 weeks of State Extended Benefits.

How long will TUR be available?

TUR is payable beginning the week ending July 4, 2020 until the State triggers off.

Am I eligible for the additional Total Unemployment Rate (TUR) Benefits?

Possibly, not all UI claimants will be eligible for TUR. You may be eligible if your UI benefit year ended after May 3, 2020; if you are currently not eligible for any other UI benefits; if you currently exhausted your Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC); if you currently exhausted your State Extended Benefits (SEB); 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 do I file for the additional TUR benefits?

The additional TUR benefits will automatically be added to your existing SEB claim once your initial SEB benefit balance has exhausted. It is not necessary to contact the Call Center to request the additional TUR benefits. A monetary redetermination will be issued to you once the additional TUR funds have been added.

Are there any special requirements for TUR?

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

How do I know when my SEB claim has exhausted to be TUR eligible?

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

What is the weekly benefit amount I am eligible to receive on TUR?

TUR is an extension of your SEB claim. If eligible, you will receive the same weekly benefit amount as you did on your regular UI claim, PEUC claim, and SEB claim. In addition to your weekly benefit amount, you will also receive the FPUC weekly \$600 payments for weeks filed between April 4, 2020 through July 25, 2020 and \$300 weekly payments for weeks filed January 2, 2021 through September 4, 2021.

Am I required to complete a work search for TUR benefits?

An executive order issued by Governor Sisolak waives all work search requirements for those who are currently filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits. These waivers are automatically applied to claims. Additional guidance will be provided in line with the Governor's Sisolak Roadmap to Recovery in the <u>Governor Directives and Declarations</u>. Changes to the requirement of waivers may occur on a **weekly** basis due to this guidance so please watch for additional instructions or advisements.

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

Yes, the maximum amount of TUR payable will reduce your TRA entitlement.

What do I do if my SEB is exhausted and the additional TUR has not been added?

Continue to file your weekly claim although your SEB has exhausted. Once the additional TUR benefit funds are added to the exhausted SEB claim, a payment will be issued in a lump sum for any weeks pending payment.