

I am newly unemployed due to COVID-19...

What Benefits Might I Be Eligible For?

These are troubling times and if you are unemployed due to COVID-19, you need to know what benefits you may apply for and how to seek help.

What Terms Should I Know?

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

New expanded unemployment benefits for previously ineligible workers. This includes self-employed workers and independent contractors impacted by COVID-19.

Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC)

An additional \$600 available on top of existing unemployment benefits. This compensation is available until 7/31/20.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

An additional 13 weeks benefits added to the existing 26 weeks of benefits, making a total of 39 weeks of coverage. This addition is available until 12/31/2020

I Am Self-Employed or I Am An Independent Contractor Am I Eligible?

Yes You Are!

Under the CARES Act, people traditionally in-eligible for Unemployment Insurance could now apply for:

39 weeks of PUA benefits.

In NYS, PUA benefits can reach a maximum of \$504. The minimum PUA is 50% the average weekly UI benefit amount.

You are also eligible for the additional \$600 as part of PUC till the end of July.

You may receive retroactive PUA payments for periods of unemployment starting from 1/1/2020

You Might Be Eligible For Benefits Under These Conditions:

Cared for or resided with a household member diagnosed with COVID-19

Have become the primary bread-winner of a household after the passing of a member of your household.

Unable to reach your place of employment due to quarantine

Quit your job as a result of COVID-19

Had your place of employment closed as a result of COVID-19

Diagnosed with COVID-19 or have symptoms and are seeking diagnosis

Are the primary caregiver of a child whose school or care facility have been closed due to COVID-19

Were scheduled to start new employment and cannot reach the workplace as direct result of COVID-19

And any additional guidelines outlined by the US Secretary of Labor



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