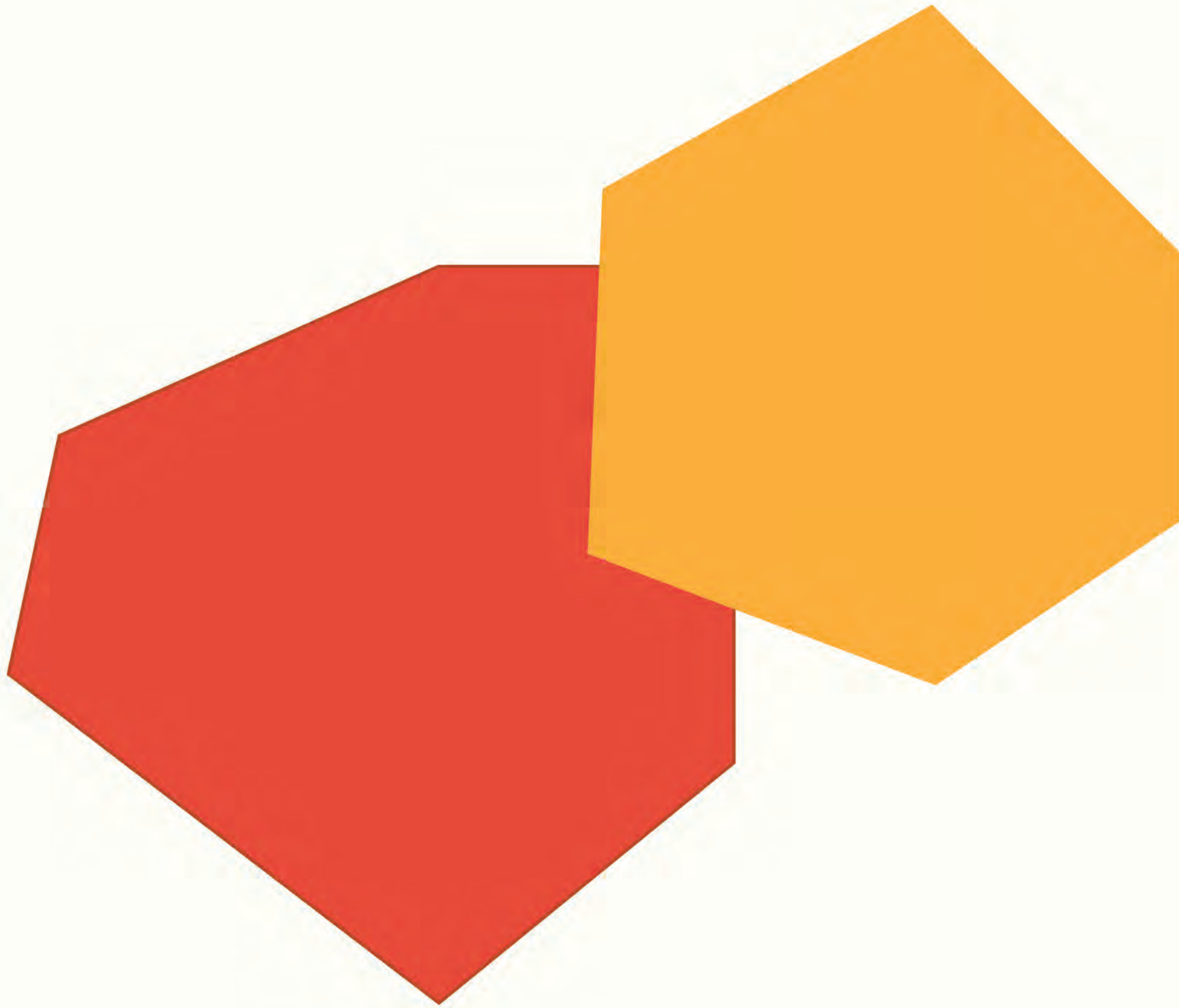


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UNDERSTANDING THE NEW AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

HOW WILL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS
BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW LEGISLATION?



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PROGRAMS

Programs are extended through September – unlike previous relief bills, the American Rescue Plan does not allot a specific number of weeks claimants can collect. Rather, PEUC (Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation), FPUC (Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation) and PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance) programs were all extended through September 6, 2021. This means:

- A. Claimants are entitled to \$300 weekly in addition to their weekly benefit rate**
- B. Continued collection of benefits for those who are still unemployed**
- C. Continued eligibility for those who do not qualify for UI but meet PUA eligibility standards, which have been expanded.**
 - i. Claimants must certify every week that they still meet PUA eligibility.**
 - ii. PUA claimants who are filing for the first time must provide identifying information and complete information about their work history, including W-2 wages, 1099 forms and Schedule C reports. The DOL has raised the standard for documentation, so claimants must often complete their application over the phone and submit additional documentation.**

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BENEFIT YEAR END DATE (B.Y.E.)

If you are approaching this date, you may need to reapply for benefits. You do not need to reapply for benefits if, since filing your original claim for benefits, you:

- **Did not return to work for an employer, OR**
- **Did not earn 10x their weekly benefit rate, excluding self-employment wages.**

INSTEAD – continue to certify weekly on the same claim

UI recipients who went back to work AND earned more than 10 x their weekly benefit rate (excluding earnings from self employment) MUST file a new claim for benefits.

PUA claimants do NOT need to reapply.

To determine if you've earned 10x your benefit rate, multiply your weekly benefit rate by 10.

If you reapply, you will NOT be able to extend your current claim.

You may wish to reapply even if you did not return to work/earn 10x your benefit rate, especially if you were previously denied. After you reapply, the DOL will review your claim to determine if you qualify for a new claim or if you can continue receiving PEUC/Extended benefits.

Those who are filing new claims should follow similar rules to last year. A-F should file Tuesday after their B.Y.E. date, G-N Wednesday after B.Y.E. date, O-Z Thursday after BYE date. If you miss your date, you can apply later in the week or Friday.