

FAQs –Federal CARES Act Unemployment Programs Ended on September 6, 2021

Questions	Answers
What is changing?	<p>The American Rescue Plan (ARP) that was signed into law on March 11, 2021 expired in Delaware on <i>September 6, 2021</i>. As a result, the following four programs ended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)</u>, which provides benefits for those who would not usually qualify, such as the self-employed and gig workers • <u>Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)</u>, which provides for an extension of benefits once regular benefits have been exhausted. • <u>Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)</u>, which provides an additional \$300 weekly payment to all recipients of state or federal unemployment benefits. • <u>Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)</u>, which provides an additional \$100 benefit to certain people with earnings from both self-employment and wages.
When did this happen?	September 6, 2021
Why did this happen?	These programs ended based on the expiration of the American Rescue Plan
What should I do next?	If requested, please submit any information requested by DOL with respect to outstanding claims for these programs. Additionally, please note that to be eligible for Unemployment Benefits, you are <i>required</i> to register, create, and submit a resume on the Delaware Department of Labor's JobLink website, JobLink.delaware.gov. You must also report your job search activity when you file your weekly certification. Click here to learn more. Failure to register and complete at least one new weekly job search will result in a <i>hold</i> and potential <i>denial</i> of your claim.
What if I have questions?	Go to www.DOL.Delaware.gov for more information and updates.
What shouldn't I do?	Do not stop filing your weekly certifications - you must continue to file these if you are eligible for unemployment benefits.

Additional FAQs

Q: How do I know if I am receiving PUA or PEUC unemployment insurance?

A: PEUC, or extended benefits program adds weeks to exhausted unemployment benefits. If you applied for extended benefits on the Claimant Portal, you'll see confirmation that your extended benefits application was approved on the Claimant Portal home page under Extended Benefits.

PUA is for self-employed wage earners who were unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals who are primarily self-employed uploaded tax information to the Claimant Portal to determine monetary eligibility.

Q: What if I applied for pandemic unemployment compensation but am waiting to be approved?

A: If you are still waiting on a decision regarding your unemployment eligibility and your claim is not approved before September 6, 2021, you will receive all the week(s) of benefits for which you are eligible under the CARES Act. All claims that are in adjudication and appeals will continue to be processed. Please continue to conduct weekly work searches, submit weekly reports, participate in the adjudication process, and attend appeal hearings if applicable.

Q: When will the last week of pandemic unemployment benefits pay out?

A: All claims for federal benefits covering weeks of unemployment through September 6, 2021 will be processed and any benefits requested up to that date will be paid, if eligible. Claimants will need to certify on or before September 11, 2021 for benefits for the week of August 29 – September 4.

Q: If I had a remaining balance on my claim when the programs expired, am I eligible to receive those funds?

A: No, you will receive no additional payments from the pandemic programs after expiration.

Q: Is there another unemployment insurance program available for those who do not qualify for regular unemployment or have exhausted benefits?

A: Not at this time.

Q: Should I contact the department to ask if other extended benefits are available?

A: No. If new programs become available we will publicize them.

Q: Will regular unemployment insurance continue to be available after September 6, 2021?

A: Yes, if you are eligible, regular unemployment insurance will be available.

Q: Can you help me find work?

A: Yes. Job listings and workforce appointments are available at DelawareWorks.gov. We are here to assist with your work search.

We can assist with:

- Résumés that highlight your skills and work experience
- Training resources to help upgrade your skills
- Job interview tips including how to present yourself as a strong, confident candidate
- Answering difficult questions about your work history
- Overcoming barriers, you think may be preventing you from getting hired
- Using social media to network

All of these services and more – such as virtual job fairs and online workshops – are available to the public at **no cost**.

Q: Where can I go for other assistance during this time of uncertainty?

A: Visit our resource page at [Related Links - Delaware Department of Labor](#) for agencies offering help with food, shelter, medical, dental, and mental health care, childcare and more.

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