

## Extension of UI benefits – clarification

From Debbie Lunger :

Hi,

I have a client who is asking about extension on her 26 weeks of UI, she found this info on the IDES website and it says a claim will be filed for you :

Doug or anyone else, can you help provide an answer:

If you have exhausted regular unemployment benefits, a Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) claim will be filed for you and up to 13 additional weeks of PEUC benefits will be added to your balance.

Exhausting Benefits and Receiving an Extension

**I have exhausted my rights to UI. Will additional benefits be available because of the COVID-19 situation?**

Yes. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) is a temporary program that provides up to 13 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted all rights to regular compensation with respect to a benefit year that ended on or after July 1, 2019. However, the first possible week for which PEUC may be paid is the week beginning March 29, 2020. The last week that PEUC may be paid is the week ending December 26, 2020. If an individual has exhausted benefits and is no longer certifying, IDES will determine eligibility, notify the claimant, and automatically enroll the claimant in PEUC.

**What if I exhausted my state benefits before the Governor's Executive Order declaring a disaster? Am I eligible for an additional 13 weeks of benefits now?**

Yes, IDES is in the process of determining eligibility and we will notify you when an extension has been applied to your exhausted claim.

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From Douglas Potts:

A claim will be automatically filed, once the claimant exhausts.

Claimant will get a new certification date, and will need to certify on that new date to start PEUC claim.

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From Debbie Lunger:

Thanks Doug !!

How many weeks does the extension cover ?

In theory ( depending on the end of regular UI) the extension will continue even though the \$600 runs out

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From Susi Pihera:

Good morning!

Below is the information listed on the IDES site under “File an Unemployment Claim”. I will say IDES has done a great job with updating their site with answers to many questions. I found the information Friday for a claimant who lost their debit card.

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From Douglas Potts:

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) is a temporary program that provides up to 13 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted all rights to regular compensation with respect to a benefit year that ended on or after July 1, 2019.

First payable week for Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (\$600) is 4.4.2020; Last payable week ending date is 7.25.2020. The 13 week extension continues even after the \$600 runs out.

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From Debbie Lunger:

Okay, I am going to ask the question all of our clients will be asking:

Who decides if I get the full 13 weeks ?

What does that mean to me ....up to 13 weeks, will I receive 1 week or 6 or 13?

Thanks everyone – these answers help our clients who are frustrated since they can’t reach anyone at IDES

And if we help with the sharing of information ..... this reduces the number of people trying to access the IDES system

Win win for all