

It's important to note, Californians must fully exhaust all benefits currently available to them before they can qualify for the new third tier of benefits approved by the federal government in November. It's estimated that approximately 164,000 Californians will become eligible for the new extension upon running out of their current benefits between now and December 27, which is the current federal deadline for filing for any new extension of unemployment benefits.

Congress is currently considering legislation to extend the filing deadline of the existing emergency extended benefit programs. Claimants are encouraged to closely monitor the EDD Web site at www.edd.ca.gov for further developments on the filing deadline and other UI related issues. Claimants and other interested persons can also sign up for EDD Twitter messages for any further updates as soon as any new Web Site postings occur.

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