

# Federal Unemployment Benefits Available During COVID-19 Pandemic

Several federal programs have expanded EDD's ability to provide unemployment insurance to out-of-work Californians. These federal benefits are available for specific weeks of unemployment. As long as a claimant's weeks of unemployment fall within the period in which federal benefits are available – and the claimant meets eligibility requirements – they will be paid benefits for those weeks, even if the processing of benefits occurs at a later date.

Benefit Program	Other Federal and State Legislation	CARES Act	Continued Assistance Act	American Rescue Plan Act	TOTAL
Regular state Unemployment Insurance (UI)	Up to <b>26 weeks</b> of benefits in a 12-month benefit year.				<b>Up to 26 weeks of benefits.</b>
Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) extension		Up to <b>13 weeks</b> of benefits for weeks of unemployment between March 29 and December 26, 2020.	Added <b>11 weeks</b> of benefits for weeks of unemployment between December 27, 2020 and March 13, 2021.	Added <b>29 weeks</b> of benefits for weeks of unemployment between March 14 and September 4, 2021.	<b>Up to 53 weeks of benefits.</b>
Federal-State Extension Duration (FED-ED) extension <i>(For people who used all their unemployment benefits during a period of high unemployment.)</i>	Up to 20 weeks of benefits for weeks of unemployment between May 20, 2020 and August 7, 2021.  Up to 13 weeks of benefits between August 8, 2021 and September 11, 2021.				<b>Up to 20 weeks of benefits through August 7, 2021.</b>  <b>Up to 13 weeks of benefits between August 8 and September 11, 2021.</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) <i>(For small business owners, self-employed, independent contractors, and others who don't qualify for regular UI and meet pandemic eligibility requirements.)</i>		Up to <b>46 weeks</b> of benefits for weeks of unemployment between February 2 and December 26, 2020.	Added <b>11 weeks</b> of benefits for weeks of unemployment between December 27, 2020 and March 13, 2021.	Added <b>29 weeks</b> of benefits for weeks of unemployment between March 14 and September 4, 2021.	<b>Up to 86 weeks of benefits.</b>
Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) <i>(Also known as Pandemic Additional Compensation in California.)</i>		\$600 additional payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between April 4 and July 31, 2020.	\$300 additional payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between December 27, 2020 and March 13, 2021.	\$300 additional payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between March 14 and September 4, 2021.	
Lost Wages Assistance payments	\$300 additional payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between July 26 and September 5, 2020, when authorized by December 27, 2020.				
Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) <i>(Pays an additional \$100 per week in supplemental unemployment benefits to claimants who receive regular UI or extension benefits and earned self-employment income in the year before their claim.)</i>			\$100 additional payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between December 27, 2020 and March 13, 2021.	\$100 additional payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between March 14 and September 4, 2021.	