

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 26 weeks of benefits in a 12-month benefit year.				Up to 26 weeks of benefits
Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) extension		Up to 13 weeks of benefits for weeks of unemployment between March 29 and December 26, 2020.	Added 11 weeks of benefits for weeks of unemployment between December 27, 2020 and March 13, 2021.	Added 29 weeks of benefits for weeks of unemployment between March 14 and September 4, 2021.	Up to 53 weeks of benefits
Federal-State Extended 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 beginning May 10, 2020.				Up to 20 weeks of benefits <i>(At this time, there is no end date for the extended benefit period)</i>
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 46 weeks of benefits for weeks of unemployment between February 2 and December 26, 2020.	Added 11 weeks of benefits for weeks of unemployment between December 27, 2020 and March 13, 2021.	Added 29 weeks of benefits for weeks of unemployment between March 14 and September 4, 2021.	Up to 86 weeks of benefits
Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) <i>(known as Pandemic Additional Compensation in California)</i>		\$600 stimulus payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between April 4 and July 31, 2020.	\$300 stimulus payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between December 27, 2020 and March 13, 2021.	\$300 stimulus payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between March 14 and September 4, 2021.	
Lost Wages Assistance Payments	\$300 stimulus payment added to weekly benefits for weeks of unemployment between July 26 and September 5, 2020, when authorized by December 27, 2020				