



# How to Apply for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

This gives 13 additional weeks of unemployment insurance to people who are still unemployed after exhausting their normal unemployment benefits.

These benefits will start after you exhaust all your weeks of regular unemployment benefits. The weekly amount under this program is the original weekly benefit amount plus \$600 more under FPUC (max. \$875 in Alabama). These benefits will apply once workers have exhausted the regular 14 weeks of unemployment benefits (or 26 weeks for those who filed initial claims prior to January 1, 2020). These benefits are applicable to weeks beginning March 29, 2020 and ending December 26, 2020. IMPORTANT, FPUC benefits will expire with the week ending July 25, 2020.

## Step 1: Do NOT file a new claim IF:

- You are already getting unemployment compensation benefits and your benefits are about to be exhausted. You will need to continue to file your weekly certifications so that you don't miss any weeks of payment.
- You are currently filing a weekly certification on a claim that has been exhausted.

**Your claim will automatically roll over into PEUC.**

## Step 2: File a new claim IF:

- You have already used your previous claim and aren't currently getting unemployment compensation benefits, OR
- You haven't been filing a certification on a claim for the last two weeks, OR
- Your current benefit year has been exhausted

*Please note that by filing a new claim we will check to see if you are now eligible for regular unemployment compensation benefits. If so, we will start a new benefit year for you. If not, you may be eligible for extended benefits.*

**File a new claim at [www.labor.alabama.gov](http://www.labor.alabama.gov)**