

How to apply for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

This benefit provides an additional 13 weeks of emergency unemployment insurance for people who remain unemployed after they have exhausted their traditional unemployment benefits.

PEUC benefits will begin after you have exhausted all weeks of regular unemployment benefits. PEUC provides for 13 additional weeks of unemployment benefits after a claimant exhausts all entitlement to regular unemployment. Once a claimant's benefit year ceases, they can then establish a new benefit year to requalify for regular unemployment. The weekly benefit amount under the PEUC program is the prior weekly benefit amount plus the additional \$600 provided for under FPUC (max. \$875 in Alabama). These benefits will apply once workers have exhausted the 14 weeks of regular unemployment compensation 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 through weeks ending December 26, 2020. **FPUC benefits end with the week beginning July 25, 2020.**

Step 1

Do NOT file a new claim IF:

- ⇒ You are already receiving UC benefits and your claim is set to expire soon. 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 already exhausted.

Your claim will automatically roll over onto PEUC.

Step 2

File a new claim IF:

- ⇒ You have already exhausted your previous claim and are not currently receiving UC benefits, OR
- ⇒ You have not been filing a certification on a claim within the last two weeks, OR
- ⇒ Your current benefit year has expired.
 - Please note that by filing a new claim we will check to determine if you are now eligible for regular UC 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.