

Dept. of Workforce Development: Issuing federal pandemic unemployment compensation payments

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) announced that it has started disbursing Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) payments today.

FPUC is a temporary emergency increase of \$600 per week in unemployment benefits. FPUC provides additional payment to individuals who are collecting benefits from ANY of the following programs:

- Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI), including:
 - Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE)
 - Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service members (UCX)
 - Partial Unemployment Compensation
- [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\)](#)
- [Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation \(PEUC\)](#)
- [Work-Share \(STC\)](#)
- [Trade Readjustment Allowances \(TRA\)](#)

Claimants **DO NOT** need to take any action to receive the additional \$600-per-week

benefit; the payment will be **automatically** added to their benefit payments.

This means that if you have a pending unemployment application or are currently receiving unemployment benefits, **no action needs to be taken**, so long as your circumstances have not changed, you remain eligible for benefits under one of the programs above, and you continue to file a weekly claim. You will receive the \$600 benefit in the same way you receive your regular unemployment benefit.

To those individuals who established a claim before April 4, 2020, the benefit will be retroactively provided from the week ending April 4, 2020, UI week 14/20.

Note that the \$600 FPUC benefit **will not impact** your income eligibility, as it is not considered earned income. The \$600 is **not** based on your weekly benefit rate. If you are eligible for some type of UI benefit as listed above, then you are eligible for the full \$600 in addition to the unemployment benefits you are due.

This is a **temporary** benefit and the last payable week in Wisconsin will conclude the week ending July 25, 2020.

For more information, please visit <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/fpuc/>.