

When Workers Can Receive Various Existing and New Unemployment Compensation

CARES Act Section		Description	Benefit start	Benefit cutoff	Amount
N/A	Regular State Unemployment Compensation (UC)	Workers who are eligible under state law receive up to 26 weeks of earned benefits, funded by employer contributions to state trust funds. Eligibility and benefit levels vary by state, but benefits replace about 40% of wages, on average.	Date of application unless otherwise determined by the state (normal one-week waiting period now a period of federal benefits -- see below)	When the worker finds employment or reaches the state limit (26 weeks in all states now except AL, AR, FL, ID, KS, MO, NC, and SC)	Varies by state -- national average weekly benefit is \$368 (FPUC amount, below, is in addition to this benefit)
Sec. 2102	Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)	New/expanded eligibility for self-employed individuals, independent contractors, “gig economy” employees, and individuals who were unable to start a new position/contract due to COVID-19 (up to 39 weeks available)	Retroactive to Jan. 27, 2020 (if unemployed then)	Dec. 31, 2020	UI weekly benefit amount (subject to DUA min) + FPUC amount of \$600 (through Jul. 31, 2020)
Sec. 2104	Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)	Federal supplemental UC payment designed to replace 100% of wages for the average U.S. worker when combined with state unemployment compensation	Post-enactment: Date of state/DOL agreement	Jul. 31, 2020	\$600 a week flat amount paid in addition to other UC benefits (state or extended benefits)
Sec. 2105	First week of state UC benefits federally funded	100% federal funding of benefits for first week in states without a waiting week, meaning that workers would then receive regular UC starting in the first week once unemployed	Post-enactment: Date of state/DOL agreement	Dec. 31, 2020	N/A
Sec. 2107	Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)	13 weeks of federally funded benefits (this is on top of regular UC, which varies in states, generally up to 26 weeks, so in most states up to 39 weeks total)	Post-enactment: Date of state/DOL agreement	Dec. 31, 2020	Prior UI weekly benefit amount (subject to DUA min) + FPUC amount of \$600 (through Jul. 31, 2020)
Sec. 2108	Short-Time Compensation (STC) for states with programs in law	100% federal funding for STC benefits, also known as work share or shared work	Date of enactment: Mar. 27, 2020	Dec. 31, 2020	States with STC programs (plus DC): AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, IA, IL, KS, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, TX, VT, WA, and WI
Sec. 2109	Short-Time Compensation (STC) for states without programs in law	50% federal funding for STC programs not in state law by way of agreements	Date of enactment: Mar. 27, 2020	Dec. 31, 2020	Other states