

CONTINUED ASSISTANCE ACT

CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF CARES ACT AND EUISAA

This table outlines changes states must implement due to the Continued Assistance Act and provides specific cross-references to existing guidance where additional information may be found on the particular issue. States should refer to applicable guidance, including the Important Dates found in Attachment II of UIPL 9-21, to ensure that appropriate end dates are programmed into computer systems.

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

DESCRIPTION	CARES ACT	CONTINUED ASSISTANCE ACT CHANGES	START DATE OF CHANGES
Extension of program.	Last payable week ending December 26, 2020. (UIPL 16-20 Section 4.c.)	Last payable week ending March 13, 2021. (UIPL 16-20, Change 4, Section 4.a.i.)	Resume paying with no gaps between week ending December 26, 2020 and January 2, 2021.
Phase out of program for those with entitlement at program end.	N/A	Individuals receiving PUA for week ending March 13, 2021 with remaining entitlement may continue to receive PUA through week ending April 10, 2021. (UIPL 16-20, Change 4, Section 4.a.ii.)	Must be ready to implement with week ending March 20, 2021.
Benefit duration.	Max of 39 weeks	Max of 50 weeks. Extra weeks payable starting with week ending January 2, 2021. (UIPL 16-20 Change 4, Section 4.a.iv.)	Begin paying with week ending January 2, 2021.
Documentation of employment/self-employment earnings.	N/A	Required for anyone receiving a PUA payment on or after December 27, 2021. Deadlines for submission vary by filing date. (UIPL 16-20, Change 4, Section 4.b i. & ii)	Affects all claimants receiving a payment on or after December 27, 2021.

Backdating to first week individual was a PUA “covered individual.”	Backdating allowed to effective date February 2, 2020. (UIPL 16-20 Attachment I. Section C. 8.)	Backdating allowed no earlier than effective date December 6, 2020. (UIPL 16-20. Change 4, Section 4.a.iii.)	Affects all claimants filing a new claim after December 27, 2020.
Waiver of overpayments.	N/A	States may waive repayment of certain no fault overpayments. (UIPL 16-20 Change 4, Section 4. D.)	Applies retroactively to the beginning of the program.
Weekly certification to include identification of specific COVID-19 related reason.	States instructed to require weekly self-certification. (UIPL 16-20, Change 1, Section G. 45.)	Requirement for weekly self-certification established in statute; provides some flexibility for weeks before week ending February 6, 2021 if state made “good faith” effort to implement PUA (details TBD). (UIPL 16-20 Change 4 Section 4.c.)	Affects all certifications starting with week ending February 6, 2021.
Appeals processes.	States instructed to follow state UC processes. (UIPL 16-20 Change 1, Attachment I, Section I.)	No change. (UIPL 16-20 Change 4, Section 4.h.)	N/A
Identity verification.	N/A	Procedures required to verify identity of those filing new PUA application. (UIPL 16-20 Change 4, Section 4.f.)	Affects all new claims filed on or after January 26, 2021. ¹
PUA/PEUC hold harmless.	N/A	No overpayments when those eligible for extra weeks of PEUC provided by the Continued Assistance Act are moved from PUA to PEUC within 4 weeks. (UIPL 16-20 Change 1, Section 4. e.)	Transition period through week ending January 23, 2021. ²

¹ States unable to meet this deadline must consult with the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

² States unable to transition individuals in this timeframe must contact the appropriate ETA Regional Office to determine the earliest date by which this transition will be implemented.

FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (FPUC)			
DESCRIPTION	CARES ACT	CONTINUED ASSISTANCE ACT CHANGES	START DATE OF CHANGES
Program reauthorization.	Weeks ending April 4, 2020, to July 25, 2020. (UIPL 15-20 Section 4.b.)	Weeks ending January 2, 2021, to March 13, 2021. (UIPL 15-20 Change 3, Section 4.a.)	Resumes with week ending January 2, 2021.
Change in supplemental amount	\$600. (UIPL 15-20, Section 4.a.)	\$300. (UIPL 15-20 Change 3, Section 4.a.)	Begins week ending January 2, 2021.
MIXED EARNER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (MEUC)			
DESCRIPTION	CARES ACT	CONTINUED ASSISTANCE ACT CHANGES	START DATE OF CHANGES
Additional supplement for individuals with history of self-employment earnings.	N/A	Additional \$100 supplement for individuals eligible for UC, PEUC, or EB who have at least \$5K in self-employment earnings (does not apply to PUA claims). (UIPL 15-20 Change 3, Section 4.)	Once individual determined eligible, payment begins with week ending January 2, 2021.
PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (PEUC)			
DESCRIPTION	CARES ACT	CONTINUED ASSISTANCE ACT CHANGES	START DATE OF CHANGES
Extension of program.	Last payable week ending December 26, 2020. (UIPL 17-20 Section 4.b.)	Last payable week ending March 13, 2021. (UIPL 17-20, Change 2, Section 4.b.)	Resume paying with no gaps between week ending December 26, 2020 and January 2, 2021.

Phase-out for those with entitlement when program ends.	N/A	Individuals receiving PEUC for week ending March 13, 2021, with remaining entitlement may continue to receive PEUC through week ending April 10, 2021. (UIPL 17-20 Change 2, Section 4.c.)	Must be ready to implement with week ending March 20, 2021.
Benefit duration.	Max = 13 X WBA. (UIPL 17-20 Attachment I, Section C.6.)	Max = 24 X WBA. Extra weeks payable starting with week ending January 2, 2021. (UIPL 17-20 Change 2, Section 4.d.)	Begin paying with week ending January 2, 2021.
Coordination with regular UC	All regular UC must be exhausted before PEUC is payable. (UIPL 17-20 Section 4.a.)	Individuals who meet certain criteria may continue to receive PEUC when eligible for a subsequent benefit year. (UIPL17-20 Change 2, Section 4.e.)	Applies to all claims whose regular UC benefit year expires after December 27, 2020.
Coordination with EB.	Payment of EB is deferred until PEUC is exhausted. (UIPL 17-20, Section 4.a.)	PEUC exhaustees receiving EB for week ending December 26, 2020 must exhaust EB before being eligible for additional PEUC amount provided by the Continued Assistance Act. (UIPL17-20 Change 2, Section 4.f.)	Applies to all individuals receiving EB for week ending December 26, 2020.
Exhaustees' eligibility for EB	N/A	If state chooses, individuals whose benefit years expire before exhaustion of PEUC may qualify for EB, if an EB period is in effect in the state, after they exhaust PEUC. (UIPL 24-20 Change 1, Section 4.b.)	Applies to individuals exhausting PEUC on or after week ending January 9, 2021.
OTHER PROVISIONS			
DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS	CONTINUED ASSISTANCE ACT CHANGES	START DATE OF CHANGES
Extension of federal funding for first week of regular UC for states with no waiting week.	(EUISAA) 100% federal funding through week ending December 26, 2020.	50% federal funding through week ending March 13, 2021. (UIPL 9-21, Section 4.b.iv.)	Applies to weeks of unemployment beginning with week ending January 2, 2021.

	(UIPL 20-20 Section 4.d.)		
Application of emergency relief to JFK Center employer.	(CARES ACT) N/A	Emergency relief applied to JFK Center benefit costs. (UIPL 9-21, Section 4.b.ii.)	Applies retroactively beginning with week ending March 21, 2020.
Return to Work Reporting #1	(CARES ACT) N/A	Have a process for addressing work refusals (UIPL 9-21, Section 4.c.i.)	Implement by January 26, 2021
Return to Work Reporting #2	(CARES ACT) N/A	Provide a method for employers to report an individual's refusal of work (UIPL 9-21, Section 4.c.ii)	Implement by January 26, 2021
Return to Work Reporting #3	(CARES ACT) N/A	Provide notice to individuals at the time an issue is created for refusal of work (UIPL 9-21, Section 4.c.iii)	Implement by January 26, 2021

**THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE EXTENDED
WITHOUT INTERRUPTION THROUGH THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 13, 2021**

- Relief for governmental entities and non-profit organizations. (UIPL 9-21, Section 4.b.ii.)
- Full federal funding of sharable EB costs. (UIPL 24-20 Change 1, Section 4.a.i.)³
- Full federal funding for first week of EB in states with no waiting week. (UIPL 24-20, Change 1, Section 4.a.ii.)
- Temporary federal funding of STC payments in states with programs in law. (UIPL 9-21, Section 4.b.vi.)
- Temporary emergency staffing flexibilities. (UIPL 9-21, Section 4.a.i.)
- Temporary assistance for states with trust fund advances. (UIPL 9-21, Section 4.a.ii.)

³ There may be an interruption for states with TUR triggers contingent on federal funding.