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(\$600 Increase)

***What is the FPUC?***

This is a federally funded emergency increase in unemployment benefits which provides an additional \$600 per week to individuals who receive a weekly benefit of at least \$1 in the following unemployment benefits:

- Regular unemployment benefits
- Emergency unemployment benefits (PEUC)
- Extended Benefits
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) (while this program is retroactive to February 2, 2020, FPUC may only be paid back to 3/29/2020)
- Shared Work
- Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA)
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

***Will I receive this additional \$600 every week?***

This additional payment will be an additional benefit payment each week that you receive any of the benefits listed above, starting with week ending April 4, 2020 through week ending July 25, 2020. So, if your regular weekly benefit rate is \$200, you will receive \$800 that week. FPUC benefits will be paid retroactively to the first week the individual filed for benefits, subsequent to March 29, 2020.

***As an employer, will I be charged for the additional \$600 per week?***

No. These additional \$600 payments are 100% federally funded and will not be charged back to employers.

***Do I need to apply separately for the additional \$600 per week?***

No. Individuals do not need to separately apply for FPUC.

***Can the state take deductions from my additional \$600 per week?***

Yes. Child support obligations must be deducted from FPUC payments in the same way they are deducted from regular benefits. Also, up to 50% of the FPUC may be offset to capture overpayments owed to CTDOL or the federal government.

***Are FPUC payments considered income which should be reported on my tax returns?***

Similar to regular unemployment benefits, FPUC payments are taxable.

***Will I receive this additional \$600 for any week ending April 4, 2020 through July 25, 2020 if any of these weeks are paid after July 25, 2020?***

Yes, the additional \$600 benefit payment will be included with each payment for every week that you receive a benefit, beginning with the week ending April 4, 2020 through the week ending July 25, 2020, regardless of the date on which you receive that payment.

***How will I know if the \$600 benefit starts again?***

You should continue to file your weekly certification to avoid a stop in your base state or federal benefits. If a new federal benefit law is passed, the new amount will be automatically added to your base benefit when CTDOL reprograms the system. If the federal law includes retroactive payments, they will be provided in a separate payment.

***Will I have to file a new claim if the \$600 benefit – or another amount – gets passed by the federal government and begins again?***

No. Continue to file your weekly certification to avoid a stop in your base state or federal benefits. If a new federal benefit bill passes and becomes law, the new amount will be automatically added to your base benefit when CTDOL reprograms the system. If the federal law includes retroactive payments, they will be provided in a separate payment.