



Frequently asked questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) for workers and employers Updated June 26, 2020

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What are Extended Benefits (EB)?

EB is a federal/state program that allows for additional weeks of unemployment compensation benefits during periods of high unemployment in the state. Extended Benefits (EB) are available to workers who have exhausted regular unemployment benefits during periods of high unemployment. Individual must first exhaust the 13 weeks of PEUC (the 13-week federal extension of benefits) before being potentially eligible for EB. The EB program provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits when a State is experiencing high unemployment. Connecticut's EB period began on April 26, 2020.

My 13-week extension of benefits (PEUC) will expire soon. Will I be automatically be eligible for Extended Benefits under the Federal-State Extended Benefits?

No. The eligibility requirements for both programs are different. You can only be found eligible for EB if you have a Benefit Year that ends after 5/1/2020, AND:

- You are totally or partially unemployed
- You have exhausted all rights to Unemployment Insurance under state law
- You have exhausted all Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) entitlement, and are not eligible for regular UI benefits against any state or eligible for benefits from Canada
- You meet the eligibility requirements of the law and are not disqualified
- You are monetarily eligible – in that you have been paid wages by an employer subject to the Connecticut Unemployment Compensation Act during the base period of your applicable benefit year and at least one of the following applies to those wages --- they are (1) in an amount at least forty-times your weekly benefit amount (wba), including dependency allowances, (2) in an amount at least 1 ½ times your highest base-period quarter in total base-period wages; or (3) for at least 20 different weeks of employment in the base-period.

I'm on the 13-week federal extension right now (PEUC). Do I need to re-apply for EB?

Yes. When your PEUC benefits are exhausted, you will be mailed a letter with instructions on how to file an application for EB on www.filectui.com via the green button.

What happens when EB is scheduled to end?

Claimants will be notified when EB is scheduled to end. No EB can be paid for weeks following the end date of the program.

Will claimants file weekly certifications for EB as they do for regular UI and for PEUC?

Yes, claimants will file online, using the continued claims options.

Does EB have special disqualifications?

Yes, failure to meet the EB work search requirements or to accept suitable work results in a denial of further benefits until the claimant has worked in at least 4 weeks and earns 4 times his or her WBA. The Commissioner of the Department of Labor has temporarily suspended the requirement for work search efforts. Claimants will be notified through various ways when they will be required to begin making reasonable work search efforts.

Am I eligible to receive EB if I live in another state?

Claimants residing in another state but collecting benefits from CT are eligible for 2 weeks of EB unless the state in which they reside is also on EB and then they would be potentially eligible for the full 13 weeks.

Are EB payments considered income and taxable?

Yes. EB payments are taxable and are eligible for voluntary withholding.

If I receive EB, am I also eligible for the additional \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) weekly benefit?

Yes. If you are found to be eligible for EB, you will also be found eligible for the additional federally-funded payment (FPUC) of \$600 per week through the week-ending 7/25/2020, so long as you receive at least \$1 in EB for that particular week.