

Frequently Asked Questions: Delayed Unemployment Payment

What is the Delayed Unemployment Compensation Payment (DUC)? The District of Columbia (DC) will provide a \$500 payment to the **first** 10,000 claimants who experienced the longest delay in receiving benefits between March 16, 2020, and July 1, 2021.

How do I know if I qualify for the \$500 DC Delayed Unemployment Compensation Payment?

To be eligible for the DUC payment, a claimant must:

- Have an initial claim approved for payment between March 16, 2020, and July 1, 2021
- Be a District resident based on the address of record when determined eligible for a first payment
- Have filed legitimate benefits claims and refrained from any fraudulent unemployment insurance activities
- Provide the required supporting documents, including weekly certifications and identity verification documents, as requested and required by applicable law or regulation
- Fulfill the required waiting period of at least 60 days between filing the initial claim for benefits/extension and the issuance of the first payment, if receiving traditional unemployment compensation, extended benefits, or Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation
- Fulfill the required waiting period of at least 60 days between the time of the initial monetary determination and monetary redetermination, if receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

Am I eligible for the \$500 DC Delayed Unemployment Compensation Payment if I am not a DC resident?

No. To receive a DUC payment, a claimant must reside in the District, with a legitimate DC address of record.

Am I eligible for the extra \$500 DC Delayed Unemployment Compensation payment if I applied for Unemployment after July 1, 2021? No. To be eligible, an initial claim must have been approved for payment between March 16, 2020, and July 1, 2021.

Am I eligible for the extra \$500 DC Delayed Unemployment Compensation payment if I was found ineligible for multiple weeks of benefits because I did not provide the requested documents? No. A claimant is not eligible for DUC if the delay in payment occurred because the claimant did not provide the required supporting documents, including weekly certifications and details for identity verification.

I received unemployment benefits earlier in the year, but am no longer receiving benefits because I have returned to work. Am I eligible for the payment? Potentially. Regardless of work status, a claimant who meets the DUC criteria and is among the **first** 10,000 claimants with the longest wait time is eligible for payment.

When will I receive the DC Delayed Unemployment Compensation payment, if I am eligible? DOES is working diligently to modify its system to accommodate these changes to facilitate payments. Your claim will be automatically updated if you qualify for the additional \$500 DC Delayed Unemployment Compensation payment. Affected claimants will be identified and contacted by DOES.

Do I have to pay taxes on the extra \$500 DC Delayed Unemployment Compensation payment DC PUA stimulus payment? Yes. This payment is subject to local and federal taxes.

If I do not receive a payment, am I able to file an appeal? No. These payments are not appealable.

For general information about UI benefits, please visit www.unemployment.dc.gov.