

Federal funding for the Extended Benefits (EB) Program, authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), will expire the week ending **September 11, 2021**. Claimants who filed under this program were eligible to receive up to 13 additional weeks of supplemental wages after exhausting regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits. Other temporary federal programs such as Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), and Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) concluded on September 4, 2021. The Frequently Asked Questions below provide additional guidance for changes to EB.

Are PEUC claimants eligible to receive one final payment of EB for the week ending September 11, 2021?

Claimants who have exhausted EB will not be eligible for an additional EB payment. However, **PEUC recipients who have not received EB may be eligible**. Claimants will not need to exhaust all of PEUC to be eligible for the final week of EB. Claimants may visit dcnetworks.org to learn more about filing requirements for EB.

Can UI recipients who exhaust their traditional claim period for the week ending September 4, 2021, receive one week of EB for the week ending September 11, 2021?

Claimants who have exhausted EB will not be eligible for an additional EB payment. Claimants are only eligible for EB if they have not previously received EB. However, traditional UI recipients who have not received EB may be eligible. Claimants may visit dcnetworks.org to learn more about filing requirements for EB.

Will claimants need to apply for EB or will DOES pay benefits automatically?

Claimants must apply to receive EB. To complete an application for the EB program, claimants may visit dcnetworks.org, select the “Claim Unemployment Benefit” tab, choose “File for EB,” respond to the prompts, and complete the application.

Do claimants have the option to file a retroactive claim for EB after September 11, 2021, if they were previously eligible for the program?

DOES may retroactively pay a claim if federal funding for EB remains active for the District of Columbia. Claimants are eligible for EB, if they have not previously received EB.

Should I file for a new traditional UI claim now that the federal benefits programs have expired?

Claimants may file for a traditional UI claim, and the claim will be reviewed for monetary eligibility and a determination of eligibility will be sent.

Can I apply for a traditional unemployment claim now that my Pandemic Unemployment Assistance has expired?

PUA claimants may file for traditional UI claim. However, the criteria for eligibility of a PUA recipient and a traditional unemployment recipient are vastly different. The claim will be reviewed for monetary eligibility and a determination of eligibility will be sent.

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