

CARES ACT EXTENSION PROVISIONS

On December 27, 2020, the president signed into law the **Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020 (Continued Assistance Act)** which extends some federal unemployment programs authorized by the CARES Act. DLR has received guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the extension provisions. We are working diligently to implement and make the required changes to the computer programming. More information about applications and timelines for these benefits will be provided as soon as possible.

FPUC

FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

- Will provide **UP TO** 11 weeks of an additional \$300 weekly benefit to eligible claimants.
- A claimant must be eligible through a separate unemployment program to receive FPUC.
- Once implemented, FPUC will be available to cover weeks of unemployment between week beginning Dec. 27, 2020, and week ending March 13, 2021.

PUA

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- Will provide **UP TO** an additional 11 weeks of benefits, to a maximum of 50 weeks.
- Weekly certification will be required.
- Claimants will be **required to provide documentation of eligibility to qualify for PUA** beginning Jan. 31, 2021.
- PUA will be available until week ending March 13, 2021 (no new applications after that date), with the allowance for three additional weeks of benefits for those who have not reached the maximum number of weeks through April 3, 2021.

PEUC

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

- Now provides a total of 24 weeks of unemployment benefits to qualified individuals who have exhausted regular reemployment assistance (RA) benefits. Available starting with the week ending Jan. 2, 2021.
- Individuals can file an initial application for PEUC until March 13, 2021.
- Claimants who are receiving PEUC for the benefit week ending March 13, 2021, and who still have benefits available may continue to receive PEUC through week ending April 10, 2021, or until their benefits are exhausted, whichever comes first.

FRAUD CONSEQUENCES

None of the benefits, nor unemployment benefits of any kind, are available to employees who are terminated for cause, quit their job without good cause, refuse to return to work or refuse to receive full-time pay. Attempts to collect benefit payments in these situations could be viewed as fraudulent. Investigation of job separation is part of the eligibility determination process.

The CARES Act specifically provides for serious consequences for fraudulent cases including fines, confinement and an inability to receive future unemployment benefits until all fraudulent claims and fines have been repaid.

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Equal Opportunity Program.
Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
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