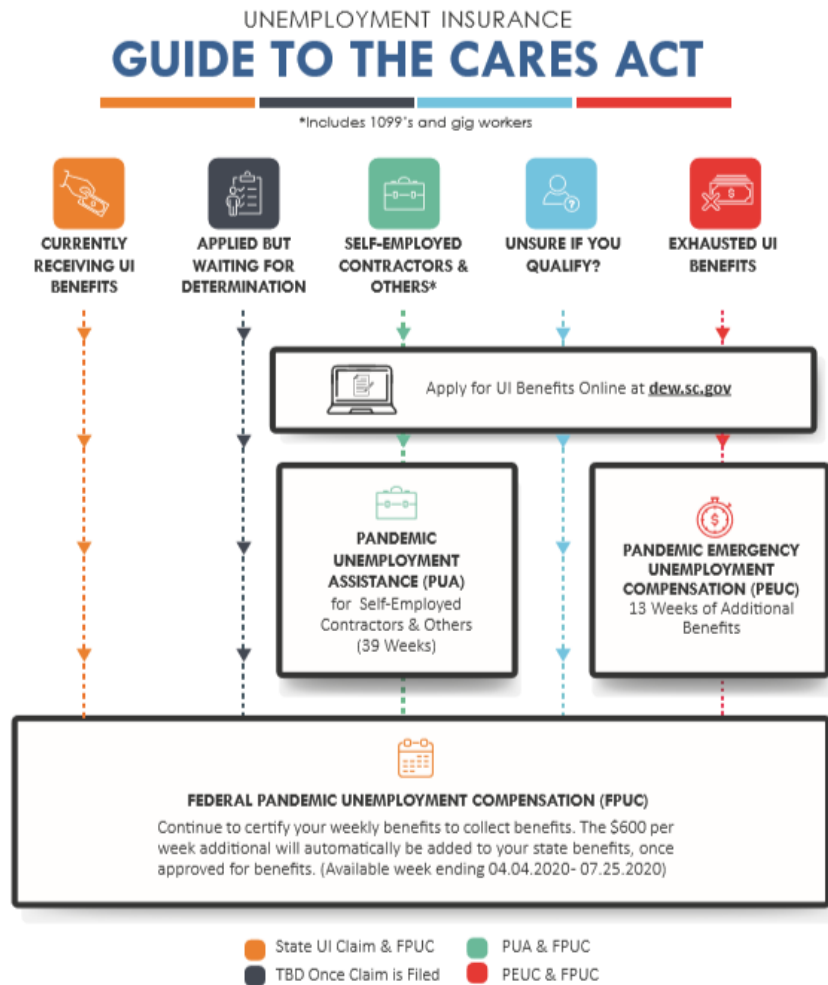


CARES Act Update

Congress recently passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). That law includes several changes that may affect your eligibility for unemployment benefits. These changes include:

- \$600/week additional compensation for people receiving unemployment benefits. This program is known as Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).
- A new benefit program for workers who are unemployed as a result of COVID-19 who are **NOT** eligible for regular unemployment benefits. This program is known as Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).
- An extension of unemployment benefits for up to 13 weeks for existing UI claimants and claimants who currently have a current benefit year, however they have exhausted benefits. This program is known as Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC).



We are currently working to implement these programs authorized under the CARES Act. In order to implement some of these programs and modify our systems, we need detailed guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Please note that if you are found eligible to receive benefits through State UI, PEUC, or PUA, you will receive retroactive payments for the weekly additional compensation of \$600, FPUC, provided by the federal government for all eligible weeks. The first week for which you can receive the additional \$600 is for week ending April 4th.

As additional guidance is provided to us, we will continue to update our website at dew.sc.gov.