Pennsylvania Unemployment Insurance and COVID-19
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According to the United States Department of Labor, more than 20 million individuals in this country have lost jobs or income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Information Guide is intended to help members of the public locate information regarding recent changes to the unemployment compensation system in Pennsylvania. It is not a substitute for legal advice.
THE PENNSYLVANIA UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW, 43 P.S. § 751 ET. SEQ.

THIS LAW CAN BE VIEWED AT HTTPS://WWW.LEGIS.STATE.PA.US/CFDOCS/LEGIS/LI/PUBLIC/

THE COVID-19 AMENDMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW ARE AT PUBLIC LAW 2020-9.

General Information about UC and Covid-19


Filing for Pennsylvania UC:

How to File an Unemployment Claim.
https://www.uc.pa.gov/unemploymentbenefits/file/Pages/Filing%20Instructions.aspx

Filing an Initial Claim.
https://www.uc.pa.gov/unemploymentbenefits/file/Pages/File%20an%20Initial%20Claim.aspx

Filing a Bi-Weekly Claim.
https://www.uc.pa.gov/unemploymentbenefits/file/Pages/File%20a%20Biweekly%20Claim.aspx

Filing for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.
https://www.uc.pa.gov/unemploymentbenefits/file/Pages/Filing-for-PUA.aspx
The CARES Act is a federal law that creates 3 new programs for the unemployed:

- **PUA - Pandemic Unemployment Assistance**
- **FPUC - Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation**
- **PEUC - Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation**

In Pennsylvania, all 3 programs are administered by the Office of Unemployment Compensation.
List of Abbreviations

- **DUA**: Disaster Unemployment Assistance
- **EB**: Extended Benefits
- **FPUC**: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation
- **PEUC**: Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation
- **PUA**: Pandemic Unemployment Assistance
- **SEA**: Self-Employment Assistance
- **STA**: Short-Time Compensation
- **TRA**: Trade Readjustment Allowance
- **UC**: Unemployment Compensation
- **UC FE**: Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees
- **UC X**: Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Members