

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Unemployment Insurance Program

Notice: You are receiving this notice because you were determined monetarily ineligible for regular Unemployment Insurance benefits in Arizona by the Department of Economic Security, Unemployment Insurance Program (The Department). You may be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and the Department will attempt to contact you when further action is needed for PUA. Keep a record of your earnings each week as this information will be required to determine your eligibility when PUA is implemented. Note, you must follow-up on any information requests from the Department with regards to your initial Unemployment Insurance benefit claim.

PUA is a new program that provides benefits to certain individuals who are not otherwise eligible for Unemployment Insurance. The Department is also administering this program and making changes to its system to process benefit calculations and eligibility determinations for PUA. Updated information regarding the implementation of PUA in Arizona is available on the internet at <https://des.az.gov/pua>. A brief description of PUA is provided below:

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed a federal stimulus package known as the CARES Act. This Act includes the temporary Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act set out in Title II, Subtitle A. Section 2102 of the CARES Act, which creates a new temporary federal program called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). Through July 25, 2020, individuals receiving PUA benefits may also receive the additional \$600 payment provided under the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program if they are eligible for benefits for the week.

PUA provides benefits to covered individuals. Covered individuals are those individuals not eligible for regular unemployment compensation or extended benefits under state or Federal law or Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). This includes, but is not limited to, individuals who:

- have exhausted all rights to such benefits,
- are self-employed,
- are seeking part-time employment, or
- lack sufficient work history.

In general, PUA provides up to 39 weeks of benefits to qualifying individuals who are otherwise able to work and available for work within the meaning of applicable Arizona state statute, except that they are unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified in the CARES Act.

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