



Federal unemployment programs are ending September 4, 2021.

We know these programs can be complicated, and you might be wondering what these expirations mean for you. Take a look at our guide to understand what's changing:

<h3>FPUC</h3> <p>Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation <i>The \$300 supplement</i></p>	
<p>Who was this program for? Anybody receiving any kind of unemployment insurance benefits.</p>	<p>What did this program do? FPUC automatically added \$300 on top of every claimant's weekly benefits.</p>
<p>How do I know if this applies to me? If you are currently receiving any kind of unemployment insurance, you automatically receive the \$300 FPUC supplement each week.</p>	<p>What's changing on September 4th? The \$300 FPUC supplement is expiring. If you are still eligible for benefits, you'll receive your normal weekly benefit rate only.</p>
<p>What should I do if this applies to me?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even though the \$300 supplement is ending, you will still receive your normal weekly benefit rate if you remain otherwise eligible and continue to certify. • If you need additional support, visit ides.illinois.gov/moreassistance to learn about food, housing, health insurance, and other services. • Remember: IDES can help you find your next career. Visit IllinoisJobLink.com today to search 100,000+ jobs. If you've applied for unemployment benefits, you already have an IllinoisJobLink.com account! 	
<h3>PUA</h3> <p>Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <i>The program for workers who are normally ineligible for UI</i></p>	
<p>Who was this program for? PUA was made for workers who normally can't qualify for unemployment insurance but are unemployed due to the pandemic. For example, PUA covered self-employed people such as gig workers or independent contractors.</p>	<p>What did this program do? PUA provided benefits for workers who typically couldn't receive them.</p>
<p>How do I know if this applies to me? There are a few ways to find out if you're receiving PUA benefits as opposed to regular unemployment benefits. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The correspondence you receive from IDES states you are on the PUA program • You certify on a weekly basis, instead of a biweekly basis • You use the PUA portal to manage your claim 	<p>What's changing on September 4th? PUA is expiring. After the week ending September 4th, you will be unable to certify for new weeks under PUA. Even if your PUA account shows you have weeks remaining after September 4th, Congress has determined that this program is ending as of that date, so any extra weeks that may show on your account will not be available after September 4th.</p>
<p>What should I do if this applies to me?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDES can help you find your next career. Visit IllinoisJobLink.com today to search 100,000+ jobs. • If you need additional support, visit ides.illinois.gov/moreassistance to learn about food, housing, health insurance, and other services. 	



PEUC

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation
The extended weeks of benefits

Who was this program for? Regular unemployment insurance claimants who exhausted their 26 weeks of benefits and needed an extension.	What did this program do? Normally, regular unemployment insurance only lasts 26 weeks. PEUC automatically extended benefits for claimants who ran out after those first 26 weeks.
How do I know if this applies to me? If you ran out of your first 26 weeks of benefits, you would have received a letter and email from IDES letting you know you were automatically transitioned to PEUC. If you haven't received unemployment insurance for longer than 26 weeks, then PEUC does not apply to you.	What's changing on September 4th? Regular unemployment insurance will return to 26 weeks only, and PEUC benefits will stop after Sept. 4.
What should I do if this applies to me? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is possible you will be eligible for one week of Extended Benefits before that program ends on 9/11/2021. IDES will automatically check, and let you know if you are eligible for this additional week or if you are eligible for regular benefits.• IDES can help you find your next career. Visit IllinoisJobLink.com today to search 100,000+ jobs.• If you need additional support, visit ides.illinois.gov/moreassistance to learn about food, housing, health insurance, and other services.	

MEUC

Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation
The \$100 supplement for mixed earners

Who was this program for? Mixed earners are workers who earn money both through self-employment income and also through traditional W2 employment. For example, a songwriter who also earns money as an administrative assistant is a mixed earner.	What did this program do? MEUC provided a \$100 supplement on top of normal unemployment insurance benefits for eligible mixed earners.
How do I know if this applies to me? Claimants needed to fill out a separate application on the IDES website. If you filled out that application and were approved for the \$100 supplement, you will know if you are receiving MEUC benefits.	What's changing on September 4th? MEUC is ending on September 4 th , so the \$100 supplement cannot be paid for any weeks <i>after</i> September 4 th . Benefits may still be retroactively paid for weeks before September 4 th , so don't worry if your application is still pending.
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What if my claim is still pending?

If you filed a claim for an expiring program before September 4th, we will still review your information. If you are eligible, you can receive benefits retroactively for weeks *prior to* September 4th. However, you cannot receive benefits for any of these programs for the weeks *after* September 4th.

- **Example #1:** You filed an appeal in the regular UI program before September 4th. IDES reviews your appeal and finds you eligible for benefits for the weeks ending August 28, September 4, and September 11. You will receive all three weeks of regular UI. But, you will only receive 2 weeks of the \$300 FPUC supplement (for weeks ending August 28 and September 4) because the FPUC program ended as of September 4, 2021.
- **Example #2:** You filed a PUA claim on August 15th. You are found to be eligible for PUA benefits. You can receive PUA benefits from August 15th through September 4th, assuming you met all the other PUA requirements. But, since the PUA program expired on September 4th, you cannot receive any PUA benefits after that date.