Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

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What is Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)?

• Federally-funded through the CAREs Act
• New program for unemployed workers not eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits.

• Includes:
  • Self-employed
  • Part time workers
  • Individuals lacking sufficient work history
  • People not otherwise eligible
Basics

• Eligible for $168 - $448 per week
• Up to 39 weeks of benefits
• Program runs from 2/2/20 to 12/26/20
• Will receive an additional $600 per week through 7/25/20
  o Separate CAREs Act Program
Must be unemployed due to:

- Diagnosed or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking diagnosis.
- Member of household diagnosed with COVID-19
- Providing care of a family member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
- Caregiver for individual who is unable to attend school due to COVID-19
- Unable to reach place of employment due to quarantine due to COVID-19
Must be unemployed due to: (cont.)

- Unable to work due to advice of a health care provider to self quarantine due to COVID-19
- Scheduled to begin but does not have a job or unable to reach the job due to COVID-19
- Has become breadwinner because head of household has passed away due to COVID-19
- Quit job due to a result of COVID-19
- Place of employment closed due to COVID-19
Not eligible for PUA benefits

- Eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits
- Teleworkers
- Receiving sick or other paid leave
- Not unemployed due to COVID-19
- Working full time (even if you have no income)
Steps to apply

1. File a claim at labor.idaho.gov/claimantportal
2. Will receive a letter advising that you are not monetarily eligible or monetarily pending
3. Continue weekly certifications at labor.idaho.gov/claimantportal
4. Fill out self attestation
5. Upload proof of earnings at labor.idaho.gov/claimantportal
Once a claim is filed

• Department staff will follow up if additional information is needed.
• There is no need to call.
• Be patient – over 48,000 claims fall into this category.
Step 1: File a claim at labor.Idaho.gov/claimantportal
Step 2. Receive a letter explaining monetarily pending
Step 3. Continue weekly certifications for each week you are requesting payment
Step 4: Fill out self-certification form

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INDIVIDUAL SELF CERTIFICATION STATEMENT REQUEST
RESPONSE REQUIRED BY «DUE DATE»

Claimant ID: «CLAIMANTID»

You recently filed a claim for unemployment insurance benefits in which you indicated the filing was a direct result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

To determine your potential benefit amount, the Department requires you to provide additional information that substantiates your earnings and how the pandemic has affected your ability to work.

Your written response is required on or before 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time «DUE DATE». Failure to provide the information by the deadline will result in a determination based on the information currently in the file, which could result in a delay or denial of benefits.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (PROVIDE ALL ITEMS APPLICABLE TO YOU)

1. Most recently completed income Tax Return
2. All 1099-Misc forms received for 2019
3. All W-2s received for 2019
4. Pay stubs for 2019
5. Pay stubs for 2020
6. Invoices to support self-employment earnings
7. Any other documentation you feel supports your claim of earnings

Please complete and return all pages of this form along with supporting documentation using one of the following methods.

- Upload to your Claimant Portal account on the website: labor.idaho.gov/ClaimantPortal
- Fax to: (208) 760-5130
- Mail to: Idaho Department of Labor
  ATTN: PUA
  317 W Main St
Step 5: **Upload earnings information at labor.idaho.gov/claimantportal**
I am a corporate officer, am I eligible for PUA?

- If you are receiving Payment Protection Program benefits at full-time pay, you are not eligible for unemployment benefits nor PUA.
- If you are receiving less than full-time pay under PPP you MAY be eligible for unemployment benefits or PUA.
- Once PPP payments have ended, and you remain unemployed, you MAY be eligible for regular unemployment benefits or PUA.
Payment Protection Program

• My employees and I are receiving benefits under the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). Am I eligible?

  An individual receiving their regular full time pay under the PPP is fully employed and not eligible for benefits.

• PPP payments have ended, can I file a claim for benefits?

  A claimant who has stopped receiving PPP could be eligible for benefits if they are still unemployed.
Questions about your claim

• View our FAQs at labor.Idaho.gov

• Call us at 208-332-8942
  o Refrain from calling on Mondays
  o Be prepared to wait on-hold for up to 50 minutes
  o Keep your phone with you for a potential call-back between 4 p.m.–6 p.m.
  o Voice mail is set up and your message in-box isn’t full

• Click-to-chat with our staff