



What is Pandemic Unemployment Assistance?

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) is a new program that allows self-employed workers, freelancers, independent contractors, and part-time workers to get unemployment benefits if they have been impacted by COVID-19.

Am I eligible for PUA?

You may be able to get PUA if:

1. You are legally able to work in the United States. (Your benefit will be based on the amount you earned during the time that you were legally permitted to work.)

AND

2. You are not eligible for state Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance or Paid Family Leave.

AND

3. You are not able to work because you have been affected by COVID-19.

For example:

- You have been diagnosed with COVID-19
- You are seeking medical help because you have COVID-19 symptoms
- You can't work because a health care provider told you to self-quarantine
- You are caring for a family member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
- You cannot work because you are caring for a child who can't attend school or a childcare facility because of COVID-19
- You have to quit your job because of COVID-19
- Your work place is closed because of COVID-19.
- You are an independent contractor with reportable income and your work has been impacted by COVID-19.

What documents do I need to prove that I'm eligible?

You do not need any documents to apply. If Employment Development Department needs documents, they will contact you. They may ask for your tax return, 1009, W-2, or paystubs.

How do I apply for PUA?

You can apply for PUA online, just like you would for regular unemployment insurance benefits. To apply online, visit edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/UI_Online.htm

You will need to know the following information about each employer that you worked for during the past 18 months:

- Company name and supervisor's name
- Company address and phone number
- Dates of employment
- Gross wages earned (before taxes), hours worked per week, and hourly rate of pay

For more information about PUA:

Employment Development Department of CA, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Information:

edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.htm
Labor & Workforce Development Agency, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program: labor.ca.gov/pandemic-unemployment-assistance-pua-program/
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