

Maine Unemployment Programs Including Those in Effect During the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

	State Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UI)	State Emergency Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UI)	Federal Extended Benefits (EB)	Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)	Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)	Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
Available to anyone who:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is monetarily eligible - Has been laid off - Has another qualifying job loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is monetarily eligible - Has been laid off - Is on an unpaid leave of absence due to COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meets UI eligibility but has fully drawn their UI benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meets UI eligibility but has fully drawn their UI and EB benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is not eligible for UI, EB or PEUC, including self-employed people and those who have exhausted other programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is receiving UI, EB, PEUC or PUA
Dates of Coverage	Ongoing	3/15/2020-5/14/2020 (unless extended)	Maine must achieve a prescribed level of weekly claims to activate EB *	3/29/2020-12/31/2020 ** Not yet available	Week ending 4/4/20 - 12/31/2020 ** Rolled out May 1st	3/29/2020-7/25/2020 ** Rolled out April 16th
Coverage	Up to 26 weeks	Up to 26 weeks	Up to 13 weeks after UI	Up to 13 weeks after UI and EB	Up to 39 weeks including UI and EB	\$600 additional weekly benefit
Other Notes	n/a	Federal govt. pays 50% of cost attributable to direct reimbursing employers from 3/8/2020-12/26/2020 **	n/a	n/a	More information on PUA at website below***	Disregarded for purposes of Medicaid and CHIP

Notes:

Due to COVID-19, the regular waiting week and work search requirements are waived during the declared state emergency.

* Extended Benefits are activated based on the increase in the average number of claims filed over a 13-week period when compared to the same weeks in the two previous calendar years.

** These new programs are complex, and we are working to implement them as quickly as possible. Those who have exhausted all available benefits already should wait to file a claim for benefits. Filing at this point will only result in a denial. Once implemented, benefits will be paid retroactively. Programming to implement the 50% reimbursement for direct reimbursing employers is also in process and will be implemented retroactively.

***More PUA information here: <https://www.maine.gov/unemployment/pua/>

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