

Federal Unemployment Benefits End

Apply for Vital Food, Housing, Utility, and Health Care Assistance

After September 4, 2021, federal unemployment benefits will expire. If you are receiving these benefits you will get a notice regarding the impact to your claim. We know this pandemic has been tough on many workers and their families and you are certainly not alone. That's why we want to make sure you are aware that you may qualify for several vital programs to help cover your food, housing, utility, and health care expenses.

If your federal unemployment benefits are ending, you are encouraged to apply for these vital programs which have been expanded by the American Rescue Plan:

- Over \$234 per person per month in food assistance via [CalFresh](https://www.getcalfresh.org) (GetCalFresh.org) whether you are working or not.
- Rental and utility assistance via [Housing is Key](https://www.housingiskey.com) (HousingIsKey.com). Get 100 percent of rent and utilities paid. Contact the Rent Relief call center: 1-833-430-2122
- Californians can apply directly to the county human services agency for cash aid and services for families with children (CalWORKs), food assistance (CalFresh), and free health insurance (Medi-Cal) through [BenefitsCal.org](https://www.benefitscal.org).
- Health insurance—for as low as \$1 per month for workers who received unemployment benefits, through [Covered California](https://www.coveredca.com) (CoveredCA.com).

Which federal unemployment benefits are ending September 4, 2021?

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) created for self-employed workers and others who don't qualify for regular state Unemployment Insurance (UI).
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) that provides additional weeks of unemployment benefits beyond the basic 26 weeks of regular state UI.
- Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC), also known as Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), that provides an extra \$300 per week of benefits for workers collecting PUA, PEUC, FED-ED, and regular state UI.
- Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) supplement that provides an extra \$100 per week in benefits for regular state UI recipients who earned at least \$5,000 in self-employed earnings.

NOTE: A separate extension of regular UI benefits known as the FED-ED will no longer be payable after September 11, 2021.

For help finding gainful work, job training, and other employment services, you are also encouraged to access the following Employment Development Department (EDD) resources:

- [CalJOBSSM](https://www.caljobs.ca.gov) (CalJOBS.ca.gov) is the state's online, no-cost virtual job center that includes over a million job listings from private job boards and recruitment sites.
- Job search assistance, resume writing, interview preparation, and access to job training is available through [America's Job Center of California](https://edd.ca.gov/office_locator) (edd.ca.gov/office_locator) locations throughout the state.
- For more information about services available, see EDD's [Returning to Work](https://edd.ca.gov/return-to-work.htm) (edd.ca.gov/return-to-work.htm) webpage.

