

HOW TO OBTAIN PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA) BENEFITS

AND

REMAIN ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PUA BENEFITS



To remain eligible for PUA, generally states require:

- » You file a weekly or biweekly claim with the state unemployment office, generally online, by phone or mail.
- » You're able to work, available to work, and actively seeking work each week you claim benefits.
- » You report any earnings from work you had during the week. States have differing rules for how much money you earn, while receiving benefits.
- » You report any work offers, work received, or work you declined during a particular week.
- » You meet any other state eligibility requirements.

To file an initial unemployment claim in your state, you will likely need:

- » Prior tax returns- Schedule C, F, SE, or K filed with the Form 1040;
- » Form 1099 MISC;
- » Bank statements;
- » Profit and loss statements;
- » Business licenses; and
- » Other business records that help verify your income.



Denied PUA Benefits:

If you are disqualified or denied PUA benefits, you have the right to file an appeal or for redetermination. You must file your appeal or redetermination within the established time frame as prescribed by the state.



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