



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce

Unemployment Update: Maryland to Discontinue Enhanced Pandemic Unemployment Benefits Effective July 3

Member Notice

Governor Larry Hogan announced yesterday that Maryland will be discontinuing the following temporary federal unemployment insurance programs on Saturday, July 3, 2021:

- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
- Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

Discontinuation of Enhanced Benefits

Claimants will no longer be able to submit new applications for the federal programs after the end date on July 3. Maryland's Division of Unemployment Insurance will process all federal claims received prior to July 3. If claimants are waiting to receive an eligibility determination for any of these four federal programs, the Division will ensure that they receive all payments owed to them for all weeks prior to July 3 that they are determined eligible for.

Reinstatement of Work Search Requirements

Beginning the week of July 4, Labor will reinstate the standard requirement for all regular state unemployment insurance claimants to actively search for work by engaging in three reemployment activities each week. If claimants do not complete three reemployment activities each week, they may be determined ineligible to receive regular state unemployment insurance benefits. All claimants will receive detailed instructions about the reinstatement of the work search requirement in the coming weeks.

Continued Participation in Federal Programs Benefiting Employers and Non-Profits

Maryland will continue to participate in the following programs that provide benefits to employers and non-profits, through September 4, 2021:

- Temporary Full Federal Funding for Employers of the First Week of Compensable Regular Unemployment
- Emergency Unemployment Relief for Government Entities and Nonprofits (Reimbursing Employers)
 - The 50% partial reimbursements apply to all payments made for weeks of unemployment ending on March 21, 2020, through April 3, 2021.
 - The 75% partial reimbursements apply to all payments made for weeks of unemployment ending on April 10, 2020, through September 4, 2021.
- 100% Federal Reimbursement of Work Sharing Benefits
 - Note that work share claimants will not receive the \$300 weekly supplement through the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program for weeks of unemployment ending after the programs are discontinued on July 3.

In addition to these actions, Maryland has urged federal officials to make more [H-2B Nonimmigrant Temporary Worker Program](#) visas available to help the state's seasonal businesses.

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