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## Unemployment Bulletin



# Emergency UI Extended for Six Months

## Situation

On July 22, 2010, President Obama signed legislation to extend Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) for an additional 6-month period. This extension is retroactive to the beginning of June, when the program last expired.

## What Employers Need to Know

The bill does not add any new weeks of benefits; it simply extends the time period in which claims for EUC may be established. The deadline to apply for EUC benefits is now November 30, 2010, with no EUC payments after April 30, 2011. The program continues to provide up to 53 weeks of 100% federally funded (meaning no employer bears the cost of these payments) benefits through four separate EUC tiers.

A review of the EUC tiers is as follows:

<b>EUC Program</b>	<b>Available Weeks</b>	<b>Trigger</b>
Tier I	Up to 20 weeks	All States
Tier II	Up to 14 weeks	All States
Tier III	Up to 13 weeks	*States with TUR > 6% or IUR > 4%
Tier IV	Up to 6 weeks	*States with TUR >8.5% or IUR > 6%

\*TUR = Total Unemployment Rate; IUR = Insured Unemployment Rate

Persons must exhaust 26 weeks of regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits in order to be eligible for any EUC payments.

The recently signed legislation also extends the 100% federal funding of state extended benefits (EB) to December 1, 2010. Most employers (excluding government entities and Indian tribes) will not be liable for any EB paid, because of this federal funding. Individuals who exhaust regular UI and EUC may be eligible for up to 20 weeks of state EB.



The additional \$25 currently being added to claimants' weekly benefits – known as Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) - was not included in the extension legislation, so it will end December 7, 2010.

## What You Can Expect

State UI agencies will continue to notify claimants of any EUC or EB eligibility. They are working diligently to process EUC payments as quickly as possible. However, certain factors, such as the extension being nearly two months retroactive, add new administrative challenges, so the agencies appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

Updated information regarding the impact of the new extension legislation is being posted to state UI websites. To link to any state's UI site, input the following address into your Web browser and select a state:

<http://www.servicelocator.org/OWSLinks.asp>

Keep in mind that many individuals have exhausted all available UI, EUC and EB benefits. More will continue to exhaust in the coming weeks and months. Sometimes referred to as the "unemployment 99ers," there are currently no new or additional benefits available to these exhaustees.