

PA Unemployment Compensation Questionnaire

Has the 1 week waiting period to receive unemployment benefits been waived?

Yes, it has been waived for the length of Governor's Wolf emergency declaration.

How long will unemployment benefits be paid out through the state?

The length of benefits depends upon each claimant. FPUC is not payable for any week of unemployment ending after July 31, 2020, *i.e.*, the last payable Calendar Week Ending (CWE) is July 25, 2020.

Do I need to apply separately for the \$600 federal payment for unemployment compensation laid out from the stimulus bill?

No. Benefits will be paid with your regular bi-weekly payment.

Is the new 600 weekly federal benefit subjects to state or federal income taxes?

Yes, FPUC is taxable and therefore will be subject to 10% Federal Withholding Tax, if you elected to have taxes withheld from your regular UC or PUA benefits.

Will the \$600 federal payment be paid retroactively to those that have been collecting unemployment compensation since the passage of the bill? When will that Date of retroactivity start from?

FPUC is payable for weeks of unemployment beginning on or after the date on which the state enters into an agreement with the Department. The first week for which FPUC is payable in Pennsylvania is the week ending April 4, 2020. The money will be retroactive to CWE ending April 4, 2020. FPUC is not payable for any week of unemployment ending after July 31, 2020. The last payable CWE is July 25, 2020.

In the event of overpayment to an applicant due to either user or system error, Will this affect the federal payment of \$600

According to DOL, if an individual is deemed ineligible for regular compensation in a week and the denial creates an overpayment for the entire weekly benefit amount, the FPUC payment for the week will also be denied. States may waive repayments of FPUC if the payment was without fault on the part of the individual and such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.