

Information Memorandum Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental
Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In
Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message:

Effective July 30, 2021, all Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants are required to complete a job search and report this when they claim each week. Claimants must be available for work, actively seeking work and physically and mentally able to work in order to be eligible for UI benefits.

Pandemic Unemployment Insurance Ends

As of September 4, 2021, the special unemployment insurance types, such as Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) will expire, regardless of whether there is still a balance available.

PUA claims are the pandemic unemployment insurance benefits that independent contractors and gig workers qualified for and were established by congressional legislation at the beginning of the pandemic.

FPUC and MEUC are additional amounts added to regular and PUA weekly benefit amounts (WBA) of \$300 and \$100 respectively. These benefits will expire along with the PUA claims the first week of September.

Only regular unemployment insurance claims will be available with the traditional eligibility guidelines after the week ending September 4, 2021.

Unemployment Compensation (UC) Overview

Individuals qualifying for UC are required to conduct a job search every week and be **A**vailable, **A**ctively seeking work and physical **A**ble to work (this is called AAA status in the UC system). UC claimants call in to the claims phone line or claim on-line each week and must report on their job search and their AAA status.

Some individuals are monetarily eligible for UC but have a non-monetary issue on their claim (discharged, voluntarily quit, AAA status, etc.); they will claim each week during the adjudication decision period as if their claim were approved. Once the claim is approved, the weeks will become payable. In order to claim weeks during this period, the claimant must fulfill all job search requirements and report to the system.

If denied benefits, the individual may apply for a hearing. Although their claim is denied, the decision may be overturned after the hearing occurs. During the waiting period for the hearing, the claimant must comply with all job search requirements in the UC system and report each week as if their claim were allowed in order to make those weeks payable if the administrative law judge overturns the adjudicator's decision. The process continues if the claimant asks for a review if the hearing does not overturn the decision.

How can you tell if the person is completing the weekly call in and are AAA?

In Legacy, ECLM will show that there is a line flag (stop) on the claim on the weeks claimed where the claimant was not AAA. On the "monetary" screen (F16) there will be a D line flag that will have a comment: LF-ABLE/AVAILABLE/ASW.

If the line flag in the "monetary" screen says "multiple issues," this means that there is more than one issue. Pending resolution of these issues and approval of the benefits by OED, the claimant should be completing the weekly call ins and reporting they are able to work, available for work and seeking work.

You may check an OED calendar for the weeks:

<https://www.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/Pages/Forms.aspx>

Refer to Transmittal [SS-IM-21-013](#) on when to check ECLM, and other IEVS screens.

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