

MONETARY DETERMINATION PANDEMIC UI ASSISTANCE

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Claimant ID:

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Claim Effective Date (BYB):

05/16/2021

Benefit Year Ending (BYE):

09/04/2021

Agreement Number:

Section 2102 of the CARES Act of 2020

This determination notifies you that you are financially eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits pursuant to Section 2102 of the CARES Act of 2020, amended by the continued Assistance Act of 2020 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and the applicable federal regulations at 20 CFR Part 625. Provided you meet all program deadlines and eligibility requirements during the week(s) claimed, you are eligible for a weekly benefit amount (WBA) of \$195.00 and a dependent(s) allowance (DA) of \$0.

Normally your WBA is based on your highest quarterly wages paid and/or net income earned from self-employment as compared to the total of all wages paid and/or net income earned during your most recent federal tax year that ended prior to the beginning of the pandemic. Your WBA must equal at least 50% of the average weekly wage benefit amount in Pennsylvania, as provided by the United States Department of Labor in UIPL 03-20, if you qualify for less than the maximum UC benefit rate of \$572.00.

Our records and/or the records you provided show that during your base period wages and/or self-employment net income reported were:

Employment Income:

No employment histories found.

Self-Employment Income: \$0.00

Insufficient or No Employment/Self-Employment Income:

If you had insufficient or no employment/self-employment income and you meet all program deadlines and eligibility requirements during the week(s) claimed, you are eligible for the Minimum WBA of \$195.00.

FUTURE REDETERMINATION DURING PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE PERIOD - If your PUA WBA is based solely on your self-certification of wages/income, then you must submit sufficient documentation of employment/self-employment income within 21 calendar days of your initial application in order to receive more than the minimum rate. If sufficient documentation is not received within 21 calendar days, your PUA WBA may be redetermined. If the redetermined amount is *less* than the original PUA WBA and you received payments of PUA for any weeks of unemployment prior to the date of the redetermination, you will have an overpayment.

If the PUA WBA was redetermined because the required wage documentation was not submitted within 21 calendar days, you may still have your WBA redetermined upon submittal of the documentation prior to the end of the pandemic assistance period. Any higher weekly amount determined will be applied to all weeks for which you filed and for which you were eligible for the payment of PUA.

*Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
Equal Opportunity Employer/Program*



Documentation may include but is not limited to:

- IRS form 1040 (schedule C, E, or F)
- Statements signed by an employer
- Business records (bank statements, financial statements)
- Pay check stubs

Please submit your documentation by one of these methods:

Online (fastest option) – Please submit this proof by uploading your document(s) to your claimant portal.

BY FAX – 717-772-0378. Specify (PUA) to expedite the proper routing of your documents and include:

- your name
- address
- social security number

Failure to follow these instructions may result in a delay in the processing of benefits.

APPEAL INFORMATION AND DEADLINE

If you disagree with this determination, you have the right to appeal under PA Law and your appeal must be received or postmarked by 06/09/2021. However, if you have documentation which you have not already submitted that you feel will increase the WBA, please submit it to the Department by one of the methods above and request a redetermination rather than file an appeal. You will have the right to appeal the redetermination.

You may file your appeal by email, fax or US mail.

Email Appeal: UCAppeals@pa.gov (Please indicate **PUA Appeal** in subject line)

Fax Appeal: 717-772-0378

US mail Appeal: PA Department of Labor & Industry

Attention: PUA Appeal

651 Boas St 5th Floor

Harrisburg PA 17121

Your appeal must include your name, Social Security Number, if possible a copy of the determination, a statement that you want to file an appeal from this determination, and the reasons for your appeal. An appeal must be postmarked or received by the last day to appeal in accordance with Regulation 101.82.



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WEEKLY FILING INSTRUCTIONS- Online (fastest option) -- Log into Pennsylvania Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits System at pua.benefits.uc.pa.gov, click File for PUA Benefits and sign in. Then from your Pennsylvania UI Benefits System dashboard, under Unemployment Services, click File Your PUA Weekly Certification.

PUA Phone Number - 855-284-8545

During a claim week that you are working and you earn more than \$59.00, but less than \$254.00, you may qualify for partial benefits. **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT ALL WORK AND ALL GROSS EARNINGS IF EMPLOYED AND/OR NET INCOME IF SELF-EMPLOYED DURING ANY WEEK THAT YOU ARE FILING FOR BENEFITS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE AMOUNT IS ABOVE OR BELOW YOUR PARTIAL BENEFIT CREDIT.**

PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE PERIOD – PUA benefits are payable for the weeks beginning February 2, 2020 and ending September 4, 2021. The number of PUA weeks payable is 79, less any week(s) of regular UC paid. A shorter or abbreviated assistance period may be provided if it is determined that unemployment due to the pandemic is of a short duration or is no longer attributable to the pandemic.

MINIMUM WEEKLY AMOUNT - If you have insufficient wages from employment or insufficient or no net income from self-employment in the applicable tax year base period, your WBA is equal to 50 percent of the average weekly benefit amount in Pennsylvania, as provided by the United States Department of Labor in UIPL 03-20. This is known as the Minimum PUA WBA which is \$195.

OTHER TYPES OF APPLICANTS - Refer to the PUA pamphlet for information on head of household/breadwinner, incapacitated or deceased applicants and family business.

UCP-5 PUA HANDBOOK - Further information about your rights and responsibilities is available in the UCP-5 PUA handbook. The information provided above is intended as a brief description of the requirements under applicable state and federal laws. This information does not have the force of law or regulation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FRAUD

The United States Department of Labor, in UIPL 16-20, provides that the requirements of 20 CFR 625.14 shall apply with respect to PUA overpayments as fraud to the same extent and in the same manner as in the case of DUA. Pursuant to 20 CFR § 625.14(i), if a person was overpaid because the person (1) knowingly made, or caused another to make a false statement or misrepresentation of a material fact, or (2) knowingly failed, or caused another to fail, to disclose a material fact, pertaining to an initial application for DUA, the person is disqualified from the receipt of any DUA with respect to that major disaster. If the false statement, misrepresentation, or nondisclosure pertains to a week for which application for payment of DUA is made, the individual shall be disqualified from the receipt of DUA for that week and the first two compensable weeks in the Disaster Assistance Period immediately following that week, with respect to which the individual is otherwise entitled to a payment of DUA.

