

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR “GIG” WORKERS, FREELANCERS AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED

If you are out of work or had your hours reduced because of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits from the new federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. This benefit is for gig workers, freelancers, the self-employed, business owners, individuals with limited work history and others not usually eligible for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. The assistance is distributed by California’s Employment Development Department (EDD) and is available to all eligible CA residents who have authorization to work in the U.S.

APPLY NOW

Not sure if you are eligible? Apply anyway as soon as you are out of work. EDD will review your application and will confirm eligibility and what to expect next.

Note: If you are already receiving UI benefits, you cannot qualify for PUA benefits.

The fastest and most convenient way to apply is online at: unemployment.edd.ca.gov

WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNTS

Regardless of when you submit your application, PUA benefits are retroactive as far back as Feb. 2, 2020, depending on your last day of work due to COVID-19. PUA payments are issued in phases:

PHASE 1

\$167 per week for each week you were unemployed from Feb. 2 to March 28, 2020.

PHASE 2

\$167 plus \$600 per week for each week you were unemployed from March 29 to July 25, 2020.

PHASE 3

\$167 per week for each week from July 26 to Dec. 26, 2020, up to a total of 39 weeks (minus any weeks of regular UI and certain extended UI benefits that you may have received).

For more information on payments and eligibility, visit: unemployment.edd.ca.gov

FREE LOCAL ASSISTANCE ON HOW TO APPLY

The City of Los Angeles has the following support available:

ONLINE ORIENTATION

Sign up for a session to learn more about how to access PUA and UI benefits and current job openings.

Sign up for a free session in English or Spanish: ewddlacity.com/index.php/jobloss-covid19

PHONE AND IN-PERSON SUPPORT

Contact one of the City’s WorkSource Centers to learn more about PUA benefits and to complete the application. See below a directory of the Centers.

WORKSOURCE CENTERS BY REGION

Call your nearest Center to schedule an in-person appointment before visiting the site. This helps ensure proper social distancing at the Centers.

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(Telecommunications Relay Service)



BOYLE HEIGHTS/EAST L.A. CENTER

1505 E. 1st St.
Los Angeles, CA 90033
323.267.5930

CANOGA PARK/SOUTH VALLEY CENTER

21010 Vanowen St.
Canoga Park, CA 91303
818.596.4448

CHATSWORTH/WEST VALLEY CENTER

9207 Eton Ave.
Chatsworth, CA 91311
818.701.9800

HARBOR GATEWAY CENTER

222 W. 6th St., #410
San Pedro, CA 90731
310.732.5700

HOLLYWOOD CENTER

4311 Melrose Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90029
323.454.6100

L.A. CENTRAL LIBRARY PORTAL

630 W. 5th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
213.228.7113

NORTHEAST L.A. WORKSOURCE

342 N. San Fernando Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90031
323.539.2000

PACOIMA/NORTHEAST VALLEY CENTER

12502 Van Nuys Blvd.
Pacoima, CA 91331
818.482.1754

PICO UNION/DOWNTOWN L.A. CENTER

1055 Wilshire Blvd., #900-A
Los Angeles, CA 90017
213.353.1677

SOUTH LOS ANGELES CENTER

1512 W. Slauson Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90047
323.730.7900

SOUTH LOS ANGELES PORTAL

5849 Crocker St., Unit X
Los Angeles, CA 90003
323.432.4399

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES CENTER

10950 S. Central Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90059
323.563.4702

SUN VALLEY/SOUTHEAST VALLEY CENTER

9024 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Sun Valley, CA 91352
818.504.0334

VERNON-CENTRAL CENTER

1006 E. 28th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90011
323.691.2726

WATTS LOS ANGELES CENTER

2220 E. 114th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90059
323.249.7751

WEST ADAMS CENTER

2900 S. Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90016
323.293.6284

WEST LOS ANGELES CENTER

5446 Sepulveda Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90230
310.309.6000

WILSHIRE METRO CENTER

3550 Wilshire Blvd., #500
Los Angeles, CA 90010
213.365.9829

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