

Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC) Program¹

IN GENERAL

- EUC is a Federal temporary extension of unemployment compensation for unemployed individuals who have already collected all regular state benefits for which they were eligible.
- These benefits are available for weeks of unemployment ending on or before January 2, 2013. This means that the last payable week of EUC benefits in most states will be the week ending December 29, 2012.
- There is no “phase-out” period for EUC payments. All EUC payments will cease when the program ends.

BENEFIT AMOUNT

- **Tier 1:**
 - For weeks of unemployment ending on or before September 2, 2012, up to **20 weeks** of benefits in every state.
 - For weeks of unemployment ending after September 2, 2012, up to **14 weeks** of benefits in every state.
- **Tier 2:**
 - For weeks of unemployment ending before June 1, 2012, up to **14 weeks** of benefits in every state.
 - For weeks of unemployment ending after June 1, 2012, up to **14 weeks** of benefits in states with a 3-month seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate (TUR) of at least 6.0%.
- **Tier 3:**
 - For weeks of unemployment ending before June 1, 2012, up to **13 weeks** of benefits in states with a:
 - 13-week insured unemployment rate of at least 4.0%; or
 - 3-month seasonally adjusted TUR of at least 6.0%.
 - For weeks of unemployment ending after June 1, 2012 and on or before September 2, 2012, up to **13 weeks** of benefits in states with a:
 - 3-month seasonally adjusted TUR of at least 7.0%.
 - For weeks of unemployment ending after September 2, 2012, up to **9 weeks** of benefits in states with a:
 - 3-month seasonally adjusted TUR of at least 7.0%.
- **Tier 4:**
 - For weeks of unemployment ending before February 22, 2012, up to **6 weeks** of benefits in states with a:
 - 13-week insured unemployment rate of at least 6.0%; or
 - 3-month seasonally adjusted TUR of at least 8.5%.
 - For weeks of unemployment ending after February 22, 2012 and before June 1, 2012, up to **16 weeks** of benefits in states not on EB that meet the above triggers. For states on EB, Tier 4 would remain unchanged during this period (up to **6 weeks** of benefits)
 - For weeks of unemployment ending after June 1, 2012 and on or before September 2, 2012, up to **6 weeks** of benefits in all states with a 3-month seasonally adjusted TUR of at least 9.0%.
 - For weeks of unemployment ending after September 2, 2012, up to **10 weeks** of benefits in all states with a 3-month seasonally adjusted TUR of at least 9.0%.
- Information about state unemployment rates is available online at http://www.oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp

¹ P.L. 110-252 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008) signed on June 30, 2008 established the EUC08 program. The program was expanded on November 21, 2008 by P.L. 110-449 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2008), extended on February 17, 2009 by P.L. 111-5 (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act), further expanded on November 6, 2009 by P.L. 111-92 (Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009), further extended on December 19, 2009 by P.L. 111-118 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010), further extended on March 2, 2010 by P.L. 111-144 (Temporary Extension Act of 2010), further extended on April 15, 2010 P.L. 111-157 (Continuing Extension Act of 2010), and further extended on July 22, 2010 by P.L. 111-205 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010), further extended on December 17, 2010 by P.L. 111-312 (Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010), and further extended on December 23, 2011 by P.L. 112-78 (Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011). Most recently, on February 22, 2012, the EUC08 program was further extended by P.L. 112-96 (Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012).