

# RELIEF FOR WORKERS AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS ACT

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO ABOUT THE CARES ACT



The federal CARES Act was signed into law March 27, 2020. The Act provides enhanced Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for New Yorkers. Here's what you need to know.

### IF YOU ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR UI BENEFITS:

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- **Do nothing except continue to certify weekly.** Your benefits will automatically be updated. **Please do not call**, it will only make it difficult for others to reach an agent.

#### WHAT YOU MAY QUALIFY TO RECEIVE

- 39 weeks of UI benefits.
- An additional \$600/week until 7/26/2020. (Payments begin 4/5/2020)

### IF YOU ARE FILING A NEW UI CLAIM:

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Apply online at [unemployment.labor.ny.gov](http://unemployment.labor.ny.gov).
- You may also call **1-888-209-8124** if you do not have access to a computer.

#### WHAT YOU MAY QUALIFY TO RECEIVE

- 39 weeks of UI benefits.
- An additional \$600/week until 7/26/2020. (Payments begin 4/5/2020)

### IF YOU ARE NOT TRADITIONALLY ELIGIBLE FOR UI BENEFITS:

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Check your eligibility for PUA [labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.pdf](http://labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.pdf)
- If you believe you are eligible, apply online at [unemployment.labor.ny.gov](http://unemployment.labor.ny.gov).
- You may also call **1-888-209-8124** if you do not have access to a computer.

#### WHAT YOU MAY QUALIFY TO RECEIVE

- 39 weeks of PUA benefits.
- An additional \$600/week until 7/26/2020. (Payments begin 4/5/2020)

### IF YOU'VE EXHAUSTED 26 WEEKS OF BENEFITS AFTER 7/1/2019:

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Apply online at [unemployment.labor.ny.gov](http://unemployment.labor.ny.gov).
- You may also call **1-888-209-8124** if you do not have access to a computer.

#### WHAT YOU MAY QUALIFY TO RECEIVE

- 13 weeks of benefits.
- An additional \$600/week until 7/26/2020. (Payments begin 4/5/2020)

### MORE INFORMATION:

See Frequently Asked Questions About UI During the Coronavirus Emergency:  
[labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/ui-covid-faq.pdf](http://labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/ui-covid-faq.pdf)

To apply for UI benefits file on these days:

Filing for UI benefits is based on your last name.

**A - F file on Monday | G - N file on Tuesday | O - Z file on Wednesday**

Missed your day? File on Thurs-Fri-Sat-Sun