

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 April 5, 2010. Individuals establishing benefit entitlement as of this date can collect the remainder of this entitlement through September 4, 2010.

BENEFIT AMOUNT

- Tier 1: Up to 20 weeks of benefits in every state.
- Tier 2: Up to 14 additional weeks of benefits in every state.
- Tier 3: Up to 13 additional weeks of benefits in states with a:
 - 13-week insured unemployment rate of at least 4.0%; or
 - 3-month seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate of at least 6.0%.
- Tier 4: Up to 6 additional weeks of benefits in states with a:
 - 13-week insured unemployment rate of at least 6.0%; or
 - 3-month seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate of at least 8.5%.
- Information about state unemployment rates is available online at http://www.ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp

REACHBACK

- In addition to individuals who exhausted all rights to benefits after the original date of enactment, the EUC law includes what is commonly referred to as a reachback provision. A reachback provision makes eligible those individuals who exhausted all rights to benefits prior to the original date of enactment (back to a specified date).
- The EUC law makes eligible all individuals whose benefit year ending date is on or after May 1, 2007. Practically speaking, this means some individuals receiving EUC may have become unemployed as early as May 2006.

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), extended on December 19, 2009 by P.L. 111-118 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010), and further extended on March 2, 2010 by P.L. 111-144 (Temporary Extension Act of 2010).