



EMPLOYMENT &  
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## MEMORANDUM

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After this Saturday, September 4, 2021, federal unemployment benefits are set to expire, and those who receive them will receive notice regarding the impact to their claims.

*California unemployment benefits will continue to be available*, for those who are eligible. In addition, EHSD wants our community members to know that they may qualify for several vital programs to help cover food, housing, utility, and health care expenses, especially since the pandemic has been tough on many workers and their families. Please help share the below resources and links with our EHSD customers.

### Resources

**Contra Costa County residents** can visit [EHSd.org](http://EHSd.org) to apply for public benefit programs on the **Apply for Services** page at <https://ehsd.org/apply-for-services/>.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) notes that new federal support makes connecting eligible Californians to benefits even more important. California families and individuals receiving [CalFresh benefits will soon receive a significant increase in food benefits](#). The [American Rescue Plan](#) and [California Comeback Plan](#) have substantially expanded other vital benefits that continue to help eligible California families:

- Cash aid and services for families with children (CalWORKs), as well as CalFresh food assistance and free health insurance (Medi-Cal) for families and individuals via [MyBenefitsCalWIN](#) (for Contra Costa County).
- Over \$234 per person per month for food via CalFresh ([GetCalFresh.org](#) or by phone at 1-877-847-3663), whether a person is working or not.
- Money for rent and utilities—including 100 percent rent and utilities—via Housing is Key ([HousingIsKey.com](#) or by phone at 1-833-430-2122).
- Free or low-cost health insurance through Covered California or Medi-Cal ([CoveredCA.com](#) or by phone at 1-800-300-1506). Californians who received unemployment insurance in 2021 may be eligible for Covered California's best coverage for \$1 per month.

- [Golden State Stimulus](#) payments for millions of qualified residents who file taxes, even if not required (by phone at 1-800-845-6500).

Individuals already enrolled in Medi-Cal or a Covered California health plan should report changes in unemployment benefits because this could lower their health coverage costs.

EDD has resources to help claimants find jobs and get job training on its [Returning to Work](#) webpage. That includes CalJOBS, a no-cost virtual job center that includes more than a million job listings from private job boards and recruitment sites.

You can find a [fact sheet](#) (English & Spanish below) with information about the end of federal unemployment benefits and key benefit programs still available in California on the [EDD Federal Provisions for Unemployment webpage](#) (fact sheet is also available in Armenian, Korean, Simplified Chinese, Tagalog, Traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese).

September 4th is the [expiration date for most federal unemployment benefits](#), including Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Unemployment Emergency Compensation (PEUC), the \$300 Federal Additional Compensation (PAC) (also known as Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)) supplement, and Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC). September 11, 2021, is the end of the Federal-State Extended Duration (FED-ED) extension. According to CDSS, over three million workers are receiving notices about these changes, with links to the other vital benefit programs that continue.

Thank you for helping get this information to EHSD customers.

# Federal Unemployment Benefits End

## Apply for Vital Food, Housing, Utility, and Health Care Assistance

After September 4, 2021, federal unemployment benefits will expire. If you are receiving these benefits you will get a notice regarding the impact to your claim. We know this pandemic has been tough on many workers and their families and you are certainly not alone. That's why we want to make sure you are aware that you may qualify for several vital programs to help cover your food, housing, utility, and health care expenses.

### If your federal unemployment benefits are ending, you are encouraged to apply for these vital programs which have been expanded by the American Rescue Plan:

- Up to \$234 per person per month in food assistance via [CalFresh](https://www.getcalfresh.org) (GetCalFresh.org) whether you are working or not.
- Rental and utility assistance via [Housing is Key](https://www.housingiskey.com) (HousingIsKey.com). Get 100 percent of rent and utilities paid. Contact the Rent Relief call center: 1-833-430-2122
- Californians can apply directly to the county human services agency for cash aid and services for families with children (CalWORKs), food assistance (CalFresh), and free health insurance (Medi-Cal) through [BenefitsCal.org](https://www.benefitscal.org).
- Health insurance—for as low as \$1 per month for workers who received unemployment benefits, through [Covered California](https://www.coveredca.com) (CoveredCA.com).

### Which federal unemployment benefits are ending September 4, 2021?

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) created for self-employed workers and others who don't qualify for regular state Unemployment Insurance (UI).
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) that provides additional weeks of unemployment benefits beyond the basic 26 weeks of regular state UI.
- Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC), also known as Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), that provides an extra \$300 per week of benefits for workers collecting PUA, PEUC, FED-ED, and regular state UI.
- Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) supplement that provides an extra \$100 per week in benefits for regular state UI recipients who earned at least \$5,000 in self-employed earnings.

NOTE: A separate extension of regular UI benefits known as the FED-ED will no longer be payable after September 11, 2021.

### For help finding gainful work, job training, and other employment services, you are also encouraged to access the following Employment Development Department (EDD) resources:

- [CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup>](https://www.caljobs.ca.gov) (CalJOBS.ca.gov) is the state's online, no-cost virtual job center that includes over a million job listings from private job boards and recruitment sites.
- Job search assistance, resume writing, interview preparation, and access to job training is available through [America's Job Center of California](https://www.edd.ca.gov/office_locator) (edd.ca.gov/office\_locator) locations throughout the state.
- For more information about services available, see EDD's [Returning to Work](https://www.edd.ca.gov/return-to-work.htm) (edd.ca.gov/return-to-work.htm) webpage.



# Fin de los Beneficios Federales por Desempleo

Solicite ayuda alimentaria, asistencia con la vivienda, servicios públicos y el seguro médico

Después del 4 de septiembre de 2021, los beneficios federales por desempleo expirarán. Si está recibiendo tales beneficios, recibirá una notificación respecto al impacto que tendrá en su solicitud. Sabemos que esta pandemia ha sido dura para muchos trabajadores y sus familiares y, ciertamente, no está solo. Es por eso que queremos asegurarnos que esté al tanto de que es posible que sea elegible para varios programas vitales para ayudar a cubrir sus alimentos, vivienda, servicios públicos y el seguro médico.

Si terminan sus beneficios federales por desempleo, le sugerimos solicitar tales programas vitales que han sido extendidos por el Plan de Rescate Estadounidense:

- Puede obtener hasta \$234 por persona cada mes en asistencia alimentaria vía [CalFresh](http://www.getcalfresh.org/en/?new_locale=es&s=eddJuneEN) ([www.getcalfresh.org/en/?new\\_locale=es&s=eddJuneEN](http://www.getcalfresh.org/en/?new_locale=es&s=eddJuneEN)), ya sea que esté empleado o no.
- Asistencia para la renta y servicios públicos vía [Housing is Key](http://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/index_esp.html) ([housing.ca.gov/covid\\_rr/index\\_esp.html](http://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/index_esp.html)). Reciba el pago del 100 por ciento de la renta y servicios públicos. Comuníquese con el Centro de Llamadas de Ayuda con la Renta al: 1-833-430-2122
- Los californianos pueden solicitar, directamente en la agencia de servicios humanos del condado, dinero en efectivo y servicios para familias con niños (CalWORKs), asistencia alimentaria (CalFresh) y seguro médico gratuito (Medi-Cal) a través de [benefitscal.org](http://benefitscal.org).
- Seguro médico—hasta por \$1 al mes para los trabajadores que reciben beneficios por desempleo, a través de [Covered California](http://CoveredCalifornia.com/espanol) ([CoveredCA.com/espanol](http://CoveredCA.com/espanol)).

¿Cuáles beneficios federales por desempleo terminan el 4 de septiembre de 2021?

- Asistencia de Desempleo por la Pandemia (PUA, por sus siglas en inglés), la cual se creó para personas que trabajan por cuenta propia y para aquellas personas que no son elegibles para el Seguro Estatal de Desempleo regular (UI, por sus siglas en inglés).
- Compensación de Desempleo de Emergencia por la Pandemia (PEUC, por sus siglas en inglés), que ofrece semanas adicionales de beneficios por desempleo más allá de las 26 semanas del UI estatal regular.
- Compensación Adicional por la Pandemia (PAC, por sus siglas en inglés), también conocida en inglés como *Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation* (FPUC), la cual ofrece un pago adicional de beneficios de \$300 por semana a los trabajadores que reciben PUA, PEUC, FED-ED y el UI estatal regular.
- Compensación por Desempleo para Personas con Ingresos Mixtos (MEUC, por sus siglas en inglés), suplemento que ofrece un extra de \$100 por semana en beneficios del UI estatal regular a quienes ganaron al menos \$5,000 de su trabajo por cuenta propia.

NOTA: La extensión de beneficios por separado del UI regular, conocida como FED-ED, dejará de pagarse a partir del 11 de septiembre de 2021.

Para obtener ayuda para encontrar trabajo remunerado, capacitación o entrenamiento laboral y otros servicios de empleo, también le sugerimos acceder a los siguientes recursos del Departamento del Desarrollo del Empleo (EDD, por sus siglas en inglés):

- [CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup>](http://CalJOBS.ca.gov) ([CalJOBS.ca.gov](http://CalJOBS.ca.gov)) es el centro de trabajo virtual y sin costo del estado que incluye más de un millón de ofertas de trabajos provenientes de bolsas de trabajo privadas y sitios de reclutamiento de personal.
- En las oficinas del [Centro de Empleo de América en California](http://edd.ca.gov/office_locator/espanol.htm) ([edd.ca.gov/office\\_locator/espanol.htm](http://edd.ca.gov/office_locator/espanol.htm)), localizadas en todo el estado, encontrará asistencia para la búsqueda de empleo, redacción de currículums, preparación para entrevistas y acceso a capacitación o entrenamiento laboral.
- Para obtener más información sobre los servicios disponibles, consulte la página web del EDD [Regresar al trabajo](http://edd.ca.gov/unemployment/return-to-work-espanol.htm) ([edd.ca.gov/unemployment/return-to-work-espanol.htm](http://edd.ca.gov/unemployment/return-to-work-espanol.htm)).

