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BUSINESSES & NON-PROFITS DURING COVID-19

# MD Unemployment Assistance

The Federal CARES Act was signed into law March 27, 2020. The Act provides Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for **Maryland Residents**

## PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA)

Expanded eligibility for individuals who have traditionally been ineligible for Unemployment Benefits such as **self-employed workers, independent contractors, those not eligible for regular unemployment**

**Are you someone not eligible for traditional Unemployment Benefits?  
Ask yourself these questions and follow these steps to receive PUA benefits:**

### How do I know if I qualify?

**FIRST**, you must be a **self-employed worker, independent contractor, or someone else not eligible for regular unemployment**

**SECOND**, do you answer **yes** to one of the following questions:

- Did your place of employment close due to COVID-19?
- Are you unable to go to your job because you are being advised to self-quarantine?
- Are you now taking care of a child or household member no longer able to attend their school or facility because of COVID-19 and their attendance is required for you to be able to work?
- Are you unable to reach your place of employment due to COVID-19?
- Did you quit your job because of COVID-19?
- Have you or a member of your household been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Are you now the main support for your household because the head of household died from COVID-19?
- Are you experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking diagnosis?
- Are you providing care for a family or household member with COVID-19?
- Were you scheduled to begin working but no longer have that job or cannot reach it because of COVID-19?

## How to Apply in Maryland? **(FOLLOW THIS PROCESS)**

**Maryland** has created the BEACON One-Stop application where Claimants can use the application to file ALL claims for regular unemployment benefits and PUA applications

Find Application at: <https://beacon.labor.maryland.gov/beacon/claimant-page.html>

### General Information Needed for Claiming Unemployment Benefits:

- Your Social Security number
- Your address, telephone number, and email address
- If you were in the military within the last 18 months, your DD214 - Member 4 document
- If you are a former Federal Government Employee Form 50 or SF-8, if available
- Name, Date of Birth, and Social Security number for each dependent

### Because you are filing a PUA application, additional information may be required:

If you are self-employed, an independent contractor, or a gig worker, acceptable documentation for proof of employment or self-employment can include, but is not limited to:

- Business Registration or Charter
- Business Formation Papers
- Independent Contractor Agreement
- Summary of Quarterly Payments
- Profit and Loss Statement
- Accounts Receivable Statement
- Evidence of your 2019 Income (e.g. 1099, Schedule K-1, Schedule C)

### **FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (FPUC)**

An additional \$600 per week, on top of regular benefits, to all UC, PEUC, and recipients

### **Approved for PUA benefits? What should you do for FPUC?**

Do nothing – your benefit will automatically be updated after it is determined that you are eligible for Unemployment Benefits, either traditional or PUA

What you may qualify to receive:

- An additional \$600/week until July 31, 2020 (beginning April 4, 2020)

For a detailed Question and Answer provided by the MD Department of Labor visit:

<http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uibeaconfaqs.pdf>