

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Provides Reemployment Assistance Update - June 5

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Today, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) issued reemployment assistance updates on the [Reemployment Assistance \(RA\) Claims Dashboard](#). As of June 4, DEO has paid 1,213,703 claimants a total of \$4.4 billion (\$4,400,270,211).

UPDATES:

- DEO has launched a Virtual Waiting Room for the CONNECT system. When CONNECT was developed, it was designed to have 1,000 concurrent users at a time. With the system enhancements put into place over the last few months, CONNECT is now able to host 80,000+/- concurrent users and provide a positive experience for the users utilizing the system. The CONNECT Virtual Waiting Room allows claimants to reserve their place in line while other claimants access the system.
- Governor Ron DeSantis has directed DEO to continue waiving the work search and work registration requirements for claimants through **June 13, 2020**. Additionally, the waiting week requirement will continue to be waived through August 1, 2020.
- To comply with federal law, weeks beginning May 10, 2020, claimants for all Reemployment Assistance programs, including state Reemployment Assistance, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, will be required to return to the CONNECT system every two weeks to request their benefits or "claim their weeks." In doing so, claimants will confirm that they are still unemployed and acknowledge that they are able and available for work should it be offered. For more information, click [here](#).

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION:

- The Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program is now available. This program, offered through the federal CARES Act and administered by DEO, provides up to 13 weeks of benefits to a claimant who has exhausted their Reemployment Assistance benefits.
- Floridians will need to apply for PEUC benefits once the balance of their current claim is exhausted. Floridians who have already exhausted their benefits or have a Reemployment Assistance claim that expired after July 1, 2019, will also be able to apply.
 - Click [here](#) for PEUC Application Process.
 - Click [here](#) for PEUC Frequently Asked Questions.
 - Click [here](#) for COVID-19 Employment Scenarios.

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

- The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program provides unemployment benefits to those that may not otherwise be eligible under Florida's state Reemployment Assistance program, including independent contractors and individuals who are self-employed. Individuals who have been impacted by COVID-19 and believe they may be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, can visit www.FloridaJobs.org and select "File a Claim" to apply and be considered for PUA.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES:

- DEO will be continuing to process claims and making payments over the weekend and will be unavailable to existing claimants. This schedule does not affect individuals that wish to file a new claim. **Individuals can file a new claim 24 hours**

a day, seven days per week at FloridaJobs.org and select "File a Claim."

- Individuals who have general questions that are not claim specific can call 1-833 FL APPLY (1-833-352-7759) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Claimants can log-in again starting Monday, June 8 at 8:00 a.m.

HOW TO APPLY FOR REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

- DEO has a mobile-friendly online application for individuals filing a new Reemployment Assistance claim available [here](#). For a step by step guide on how to apply read more [here](#). For the Reemployment Assistance Resource Guide which includes frequently asked questions, please click [here](#). For additional information about Reemployment Assistance benefits visit www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19.

About DEO

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity combines the state's economic, workforce and community development efforts, expediting economic development projects to fuel job creation in competitive communities and promote economic resiliency. For more information, including valuable resources for employers and job seekers, please visit www.FloridaJobs.org.

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