

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Provides Reemployment Assistance Update - September 4

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Today, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) issued reemployment assistance updates on the [Reemployment Assistance \(RA\) Claims Dashboard](#). As of September 3, DEO has paid 1,947,812 claimants a total of \$14.8 billion (\$14,822,270,471). More than 3.6 million (3,644,025) unique claims have been processed, representing 99% of unique claims submitted.

UPDATES:

- Governor Ron DeSantis has directed DEO to continue waiving the work search and work registration requirements for claimants for an additional 90 days. These requirements will continue to be waived through **December 5, 2020**.
- Additionally, the waiting week requirement will continue to be waived through **December 5, 2020**.
- The Department is working diligently to implement the necessary technology changes to ensure eligible Floridians receive the Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) Program benefits as quickly as possible. The LWA program will allow Florida to offer an additional \$300 per week to eligible Reemployment Assistance claimants. To be eligible for this benefit, claimants must have a weekly benefit amount of at least \$100 in an approved Reemployment Assistance program and must certify that they are unemployed or partially unemployed due to COVID-19. Payments will be retroactive to the week ending August 1, 2020.
- CONNECT will be available Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6 from 8 a.m. – 4:59 p.m. CONNECT will be unavailable Monday, September 7 so the Department can implement the technology changes needed to administer the LWA benefits.
- This schedule does not affect individuals who wish to file a new claim. Individuals can file a new claim 24 hours a day, seven days per week at www.FloridaJobs.org and select "File a Claim."
- DEO highly recommends that Reemployment Assistance claimants select direct deposit as their means of receiving benefits to ensure payments are received as quickly as possible. This [video](#) and [guide](#) may be helpful.

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION:

- The Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program, offered through the federal CARES Act and administered by DEO, provides up to 13 weeks of benefits to claimants who 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 Reemployment Assistance claims that expired after July 1, 2019, will also be able to apply.

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.

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

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