

Applying for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

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What is Pandemic Unemployment Assistance?

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) provides assistance to individuals whose employment has been either lost or interrupted as a direct result of COVID-19 and those not ordinarily eligible for state Reemployment Assistance. This includes individuals who are gig workers, self-employed or contract employees.

PUA will provide individuals with up to \$275 per week in benefits.

Eligibility Requirements

You may be eligible for PUA if, as a direct result of COVID-19:

- You became unemployed.
- You were scheduled to begin work but cannot begin your work at that job.
- You have become the primary breadwinner due to the death of the head of household.

The following information is required when filing:

- Social Security number.
- Alien registration number and expiration date (non-U.S. citizen).
- Name and address of employer affected by the disaster.
- If self-employed, you must have proof of self-employment, including, but not limited to:
 - State or federal tax returns
 - Financial statements
 - Bank records of accounts, 1099 Forms, active business or occupational license, business sales receipts, business rental lease, or any record showing you had an active business at the time of the pandemic.

Reminder

You must complete an application for state Reemployment Assistance benefits before applying for PUA. During the application you will be asked if you were impacted by COVID-19. Your Reemployment Assistance claim will then be determined for eligibility. If you are determined ineligible or your state Reemployment Assistance benefits have been exhausted, you will then be prompted to file a PUA application.

How to Apply



For general information about Reemployment Assistance, visit [FloridaJobs.org](https://www.floridajobs.org) or call 1-833-FL-APPLY (1-833-352-7759).
Phone hours: Mon. through Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sat. and Sun. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.