



Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Provides Reemployment Assistance Update - August 19

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Today, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) issued reemployment assistance updates on the [Reemployment Assistance \(RA\) Claims Dashboard](#). As of August 18, DEO has paid 1,890,526 claimants a total of \$13.9 billion (\$13,937,597,962). More than 3.4 million (3,412,111) unique claims have been processed, representing 97.8% of unique claims submitted.

UPDATES:

- The Department has recently shared a guide to help Employers log-in and reset passwords in their CONNECT account. This guide can be viewed [here](#).

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 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.

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 conducting nightly maintenance to the CONNECT system to process claims and payments. CONNECT will be available from 8 a.m. to 7:59 p.m. daily. 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 www.FloridaJobs.org and select "File a Claim."
- Governor DeSantis has directed DEO to continue waiving the work search, work registration requirements and waiting week requirement for claimants through **September 5, 2020**.
- The Department has recently shared a video to help claimants understand claim messages and statuses in CONNECT. This video can be viewed [here](#).
- The Department has updated benefit payment statuses to reflect the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) payments in CONNECT. To better understand a claimant's Reemployment Assistance weekly benefit payment status, view the step by step guide [here](#) and the video [here](#).

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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