Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) under the CARES Act

The CARES Act includes a provision that allows for a temporary emergency increase in unemployment compensation benefits. This provision is the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program. Eligible claimants will receive $600 per week in addition to the regular weekly benefit amount they receive.

- I recently applied for unemployment insurance by visiting www.vec.virginia.gov or www.vawc.virginia.gov or by calling 866-832-2363

- I received (or will receive) a Monetary Determination from the Virginia Employment Commission that indicates I qualify for benefits. The monetary determination indicates that am eligible to receive a weekly benefit amount.

  View an example of a regular Monetary Determination

  ![Example of a regular Monetary Determination](image)

  View an example of a reprocessed Monetary Determination

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- The first payable week under FPUC is the week beginning March 29, 2020 and ending April 4, 2020. (If you have already claimed and received regular UI for that week, an adjustment payment will be made)

- The FPUC program will automatically add an additional $600 to the weekly benefit amount.

- The weekly benefit amount must be $1.00 or greater in order for the FPUC to also apply to that week.

- You will receive a reprocessed monetary determination reflecting the total additional eligibility under FPUC.
• The last payable week of FPCU will be the week ending July 25, 2020.
• The FPUC benefits are taxable.

**Question**: Do I need to file an appeal against the Monetary Determination?

**Answer**: You only need to appeal this determination if you feel that your wages have been reported incorrectly during the base period.

Another provision within the CARES Act is the **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)** program. It will provide unemployment insurance benefits to those who are not covered by the regular/traditional Virginia state UI program. Those individual who are covered under PUA will also be eligible to receive the additional FPUC benefit payment.

• We are preparing to administer benefits under the PUA program.
• We will provide further instructions on the PUA program in the near future. Any additional information will also be included here on our website as soon as it is available.

View online: [https://www.vec.virginia.gov/html/fpuc.html](https://www.vec.virginia.gov/html/fpuc.html)