

Questions for Virtual Town Hall Series: Resources After FPUC 7/23/30

I am a military spouse with an active Unemployment Claim. Due to the nature of my unemployment (it was directly affected by the pandemic) I automatically qualified for the federal program which grants an additional \$600 per week. What steps do I need to take after this current federal program expires next week? Are there any other financial options for assistance to help me during this time besides my basic Unemployment Benefits? Do I need to reapply for additional benefits? Thank you in advance!

UI: Whichever program you are on, Regular Unemployment Insurance or PEUC (Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation), if your unemployment account still has a balance then you can continue to file weekly and will receive your base Unemployment Benefit. Make sure you are following the Unemployment rules - able/available for work, searching for and documenting at least two jobs per week. If your unemployment account runs out you may be able to file for PEUC (the original 13 week extension); once PEUC expires you will automatically be rolled over to the new extension program which provides a second 13 week extension. PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance) does not roll over to anything else or have any extensions; it is already for 39 weeks running through the end of 2020.

Workforce Center/WIOA: This is what the WFC are positioned to help with. Workforce specialists can help individuals; look into WIOA. Schedule an appointment. We may be able to provide assistance while someone is actively engaged looking for work for things such as rent, utilities, etc. We may be able to provide training services to change careers. These could be registered apprenticeship, training, etc. All other community resources and avenues need to be explored first. We work with community partners including 211.

VR: Any service that VR provides needs to be related to getting someone into or back into employment based on an individual's specific needs and our budget availability. VR can collaborate with the other WIOA programs as well to maximize the assistance available to each individual.

I received notification that I will be laid off effective August 7th. Can I start the unemployment application process now or do I need to wait until I am officially not working?

You have to wait until after your last day of work and then file for unemployment. At that point in time we will send out paperwork; we pay weekly. The turnaround time should be fairly quick.

Can dislocated workers access opportunities of the Apprenticeship program?

Yes, that is an option of the WIOA program for Dislocated Workers.