

Questions for LWA Town Hall, 9/11/20

**Q: If we qualify for LWA will we get the extra \$300 per week for 6 weeks at the same time as our regular payment?**

A: If you qualify for the LWA, you have likely already been paid your regular payment for the 3 weeks. The extra money for the LWA will be paid in a lump sum. This should be available at the end of next week. So far WY has been approved by FEMA for 3 weeks of LWA.

**Q: When will Wyoming start paying out LWA? One tracker site said Sept. 13 and another said "unknown."**

A: The only official information about this is provided [www.wyomingworkforce.org](http://www.wyomingworkforce.org). Other tracker websites may be incorrect. Payments will be made mid-to end of next week (the week starting 9/13/2020). Payments may be shown on the WYUI system starting sometime today, but the payment will not actually be available to claimants until the end of next week.

**Q: If there was not a question on your initial claim about COVID-19 to answer yes or no to, then you're not eligible?**

A: Wyoming put the COVID question on the initial claims in March. March 15th was the first COVID shutdown. If you filed for PUA, the COVID question is asked through that application process. If you filed an initial claim, an additional claim or an extension the question was asked in that process.

**Q: I filed my initial claim in January. Would I qualify for LWA?**

A: Our system is looking for the answer to the COVID question; this didn't exist in January. From January until now this is longer than regular UI allows (26 weeks). If you reapplied or applied for an extension, that process would have captured the COVID question.

**Q: What does "every weekly certification already filed those weeks will have to be manually reprocessed" in the presentation mean?**

A: This process is on our end; there is nothing the claimant has to do. LWA payments will be automatic for the claimant.

**Q: When will we see that amount in a Benefit Inquiry?**

A: Claimants should start seeing this later today on their WYUI account; the money will not arrive in bank accounts/ReliaCard until the end of next week (week starting 9/13/2020).

**Q: Is the \$100 a claimant must receive from UI to qualify for LWA based on net income, after taxes; expenses, or part-time work deducted? Or gross based on the letter received noting weekly benefit amount?**

A: It is based on the letter received noting the weekly benefit amount before anything is deducted.

**Q: Will the LWA 3 week lump sum come with our regular payment next week?**

A: It is a separate payment; you may get payment for this most recent weekly certification prior to the LWA payment.

**Q: If I'm on PEUC will I get the LWA payment?**

A: The LWA program goes across all other UI payments as long as you meet the two requirements of being unemployed due to COVID and already receiving at least \$100 per week.

**Q: Are self-employed and Uber/Lyft drivers eligible for the LWA \$300/week?**

A: This depends on the Unemployment program they are on and how they answered the COVID question. The employer they had has nothing to do with it.

**Q: Can you do a meeting on WOIA please?**

A: We have done some in the past. Recordings are available on our website, [www.wyomingworkforce.org](http://www.wyomingworkforce.org). Go to the [Town Halls](#) button to review past recordings. Past FAQs are also available. We may have another townhall in the future. Watch Facebook, Twitter and our main webpage for info on upcoming Town Halls.

**Q: Since it has been 6 weeks why are we only being approved for the first 3 in the initial payout. Some states are already depleted at 6 weeks, will that affect us?**

A: FEMA initially only gave every state 3 weeks. States must ask each week for the additional weeks. We are following the FEMA rules and procedures and will be requesting additional weeks.

**Q: I choose to receive my PUA weekly payments without tax deductions. Will that apply to my LWA payment of \$900 for the three weeks?**

A: Yes, your selection from WYUI applies here too.

**Q: For LWA 3 to 6 weeks isn't very long. Is it likely that the feds will extend?**

A: We can't answer that question. This is dependent on congressional action and is not within our control.

**Q: When will we know about the other 3 individual weeks? Are they already applied for?**

A: We must ask FEMA week by week; after next week Wyoming should be able to apply for more weeks. We will provide updated information on our main web page, [www.wyomingatwork.com](http://www.wyomingatwork.com), as it becomes available.