

Overview of Unemployment Benefit Programs

Benefit Type	Purpose	Duration	Additional Info
UI: Virginia Unemployment Insurance	Benefits ranging from \$60 to \$378 per week. Determined by wages earned during the applicable base period.	Varies from 12 to 26 weeks.	1-week waiting period and weekly job search requirements are currently suspended for those receiving UI.
PUA: Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	Provides a UI type benefit payment for individuals who are not eligible for traditional UI where the individual cannot work for a COVID-19 related reason. Benefits start at \$158 and will be adjusted based on earnings at a later date.	Available from January 27, 2020 through December 26, 2020. Lasts 39 weeks, including any week of UI already received. Program started April 10	Excludes individuals who can telework or are receiving paid sick leave or receiving regular UI benefits.
FPUUC: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation	Adds \$600 to all UI, PUA and PEUC benefit payment for which an individual qualifies.	Ends July 25, 2020. Program started April 19	Must receive at least \$1 in state or federal benefits.
PEUC: Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation	Extends the length of UI by up to 13 weeks.	Program started July 2. Payments began week of July 6. Extension is available through December 26, 2020.	Individuals must have exhausted all other UI benefits.