

Dear UI Claimant,

You are receiving this notification from the Kentucky Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI) to inform you that your pandemic unemployment benefits will **end on Sept. 6, 2021.**

This change affects claimants drawing any of the following types of benefits: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), and Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC). The last payable week for these programs is the week ending Sept. 4, 2021, regardless of the balance of the benefits remaining on the claim.

OUI will process and pay benefits to eligible claimants for all weeks of unemployment ending on or before the date of termination following guidance from the United States Department of Labor. If claimants are entitled to benefits from OUI and their claim is found to be valid, they will be paid those funds, even after the federal programs have ended. Claimants are encouraged to continue to request benefits until the date of termination is effective to ensure they receive all of the benefits for which they are eligible.

Please note that as a UI claimant you have a responsibility to continue meeting work search requirements until the program ends on Sept. 6.

As outlined in the <u>unemployment insurance Claimant Guide</u>, UI claimants are required to seek suitable full-time employment and report at least one job contact per week. Unemployment insurance weeks run Sunday to Saturday, so regardless of when you request benefits you will be asked if you have complied with the work search requirement.

- It is recommended that you keep a record of all job contacts, including the name of
 the business, the title of the position, the name/title of the person you contacted, the
 date of the contact, and the method of contact (phone, email, online, etc.). You will
 be required to provide these details during your bi-weekly benefit request.
- You are allowed a reasonable period of time to find work that is comparable in pay and skill level to your most recent employment. If you are not able to find comparable work after a reasonable period of time, or if that type of work is not available in your area, you must adjust your work search. Your adjusted work search may require you to look for a job that might pay less or could be located further away from your home than your previous commute.

You are not required to conduct a job search if you:

- Are a member of a trade union who finds work for you
- Are a student in an approved training program
- Have a definite recall date within 12 weeks of your initial claim filing date
- Are on a temporary leave of absence while still considered an employee
- Worked for an employer who filed a mass electronic claim (E-Claim) on your behalf

For additional information on work search requirements and reporting, please <u>consult the</u> claimant guide at kcc.ky.gov.

Anyone needing career assistance can <u>contact the nearest Kentucky Career Center</u> <u>office</u> in their area for more details on available jobs. Aside from job leads, career center staff can also provide job search assistance, career coaching services for those who need assistance with a resume, and interview skills.

Additionally, career centers can also provide vocational rehabilitation, adult education, apprenticeship opportunities, and training resources, as well as special services and assistance for veterans.

Follow the Kentucky Career Center on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> for upcoming job fairs and hiring events in your area. No appointment is necessary to attend those events.

Thank you, Office of Unemployment Insurance