

.19 Unemployment Insurance (UI)

REVISION 49
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Urgent Bulletin emailed 09/17/2020 informed staff that FAA Systems will remove the FPUC LWA incomes effective for the month of 10/2020 and ongoing from all open/active NA and CA cases.

Per **Urgent Bulletin** emailed 01/05/2021, Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) have been extended until further notice.

Unemployment Insurance (UI) is an insurance benefit that may be paid to people when they have lost their jobs and meet other eligibility criteria. State governments pay unemployment insurance from a fund of unemployment taxes or payroll taxes collected from employers.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the following additional unemployment benefits are available:

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
- [Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation \(PEUC\)](#)
- [Extended Benefit \(EB\)](#)

A participant can only receive FPUC benefits when they are also receiving another type of unemployment compensation income.

Qualified Railroad employees may receive UI benefits. These benefits are available under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) which is administered by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

For NA, all unemployment compensation payments, except FPUC payments, are countable as unearned income.

For CA, all unemployment compensation payments are not countable as unearned income effective 04/13/2020.

For Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), all unemployment compensation payments are countable as unearned income effective 04/13/2020.

Key one or more of the following Unearned Income Codes in the INC TYPE field on **UNIC** for:

- Regular UI, PEUC,EB or any other unemployment compensation
For NA and CA, key the UI Unearned Income Code
For RCA, key the UI OT Unearned Income Code
- PUA:
For NA and CA, key the UI PU Unearned Income Code
For RCA, key the UI OT Unearned Income Code
- FPUC:
For NA and CA, key the UI FP Unearned Income Code
For RCA, key the UI OT Unearned Income Code
- Railroad UI
For NA and CA, key the RR UI Unearned Income Code
For RCA, key the UI OT Unearned Income Code

NOTE Key each UI type individually on UNIN and document clearly.

Consider the UI benefits available to the participant on the second [workday\(g\)](#) following the date benefits are issued. Use **HOSC** to identify the date benefits are issued.

When the participant states they have recently moved to Arizona investigate the possibility of out of state UI benefits.

When possible receipt of UI benefits from California is indicated, request verification from the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD). Mail an Authority To Release

Information (FAA-1765A) form signed by the participant, along with a stamped, self-addressed return envelope to the [California EDD Address](#).

When a low balance shows for the participant's UI benefits, only budget the actual amount of benefits that are remaining. When the benefits run out after the [current system month](#) (CSM) and prior to the end of the current approval period complete the following:

- Set a free form ACTS alert for the month prior to the month benefits are ending.
- Indicate that UI benefits are ending.

WARNING

Do not budget future UI benefits when either of the following occurs:

When any of the following [Pay Type Codes](#) display in the PAY TYPE field on HOSC:

03 - Ineligible due to military waiting period

07 - Disqualified

10 - Waiting Week

12 - Pending unresolved issue

15 - Benefits exhausted

16 - Final pay

17 - Monetarily ineligible

28 - Claimant declines due to employment

When Pay Type Code 28 is used there is a possibility the participant may have new employment.

At the time of benefit approval there is no date in the ISSUE DATE field on HOSC.