

Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)

04/13/2021

Program Impact: CA and NA

This Urgent Bulletin is being issued to inform staff that the Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) payment program started in Arizona effective 04/11/2021. The program will be available until the benefit week ending 09/04/2021. The section 261 of the Continued Assistance Act (CAA) which amends section 2104 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, created the MEUC program.

The MEUC program provides an additional \$100.00 supplemental weekly benefit amount to participants who receive W-2 earnings and have also earned at least \$5,000 in self-employment income in the most recent taxable year.

Participants who are determined eligible for MEUC will receive a retroactive MEUC payment. This applies for every week they received an underlying Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefit payment beginning with benefit week ending 01/02/2021, through the benefit week ending prior to the week they are determined eligible for MEUC.

Participants currently receiving any of the following underlying benefits may receive the additional \$100 MEUC benefit:

- Unemployment Insurance (UI)
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
- Shared Work
- Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA)
- Extended Benefits (EB).

MEUC will be paid automatically when a participant is eligible to receive an underlying unemployment benefit for a week. In addition to any of the above underlying benefits and MEUC, participants will also receive the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) \$300 weekly benefit. MEUC is subject to child support deductions.

Participants receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) may not receive MEUC payments.

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MEUC is countable for Nutrition Assistance (NA), and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA). It is excluded for Cash Assistance (CA).

A new income sub type code, UI ME has been added to AZTECS in order to key the MEUC UI income. On UNIN, key the UI MU in the INC TYPE field and key the weekly amount on UNIC in the month it is received using the WK frequency code.

Workers must key each unemployment benefits separately. The following is a keying example when a participant receives Regular UI, MEUC and FPUC payments.

UI 240 WK

UI ME 100 WK

UI FP 300 WK

The HEAplus will show the new income type "Unemployment Benefits – Mixed Earners' and is acceptable verification for NA and CA.

For more information see [FAA4.H03E.19](#) Unemployment Insurance in the Cash and Nutrition Assistance Policy (CNAP) Manual.

Retroactive payment received for the MEUC benefit are not countable as income. Count lump sum payments as a resource.

Key lump sums on LIAS using the LS Liquid Assets Code.

For more information see [FAA4.B03M](#) Lump Sum Resources and [FAA4.H03FF](#) Lump Sum Payments in the CNAP Manual.

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