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Frequently Asked Questions About the Expiration of Tier 4 of Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Benefits

As a result of federal law, Michigan is no longer eligible for Emergency Unemployment compensation (EUC) Tier 4 benefits after week ending April 20, 2013.

What is EUC?

During periods of high unemployment in a state, Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) may become available to workers who have exhausted their regular state unemployment benefits. The EUC program is funded by the federal government.

On January 1, 2013, Congress passed legislation which extends Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) through the end of 2013. The program will end on January 1, 2014.

What does this mean for Claimants?

- If you are currently receiving EUC Tier 4 benefits, you will continue receiving the balance of your Tier 4 benefits.
- If you finish receiving EUC tier 3 benefits **on or before** April 13, 2013, you may be eligible to receive Tier 4 benefits.
- If you finish collecting EUC Tier 3 benefits **after** April 13, 2013, your EUC benefits will end with Tier 3 and you will not be eligible for any further EUC benefits.

What criterion is used to qualify states for the EUC program?

The federal government established unemployment rate thresholds that the states must meet in order to remain eligible for the EUC program. Michigan's three month average total unemployment rate (TUR) must remain at 9 percent or above to be eligible to provide all four tiers of the EUC program. For Tier 3, the TUR must remain at 7 percent or above; for Tier 2 the TUR must remain at 6 percent or above. Tier 1 does not have a TUR threshold.

When is the last week payable for EUC benefits?

The last week payable for the EUC program will be week ending Dec. 28, 2013, regardless of any remaining weeks left on any EUC claim.

How many claimants are currently receiving unemployment benefits through Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency?

As of March, 2013, about 205,506 claimants are receiving benefits in Michigan. This includes individuals receiving regular state unemployment benefits and Emergency Unemployment Compensation. Of that number 74,761 claimants are collecting EUC benefits.

Are there additional requirements for claimants entering EUC?

Yes. Individuals who are entering Tier 1 of the EUC program are required to report in-person to a local Michigan Works! Office for reemployment services. Additionally, EUC claimants must continue to submit documentation of their work searches to the UIA prior to biweekly certification through MARVIN or MARVIN Online. Individuals are required to report the details and results of their work search on Form UIA 1583 *Monthly Record of Work Search*.

How can a claimant determine how many weeks of benefits he/she will receive?

Claimants can access this information online through their Claimant Web Account or call MARVIN (Michigan Automated Response Voice Interactive Network) at 1-866-638-3993 and select Option 2.

How is EUC funded?

The federal government funds the EUC program. Michigan employers are not charged for any EUC benefits paid to claimants.

What should claimants do if they will soon exhaust their EUC benefits?

Unemployed workers with online web accounts with the UIA can check their "Benefit Payment History" for information about their remaining weeks of benefits. Workers who have not established online accounts can call MARVIN at 1-866-638-3993 and press option 2. Additional information about the end of EUC will be posted on the UIA website (www.michigan.gov/uia). In addition, the Agency has established a toll-free telephone number 1-866-MI-HELPS (1-888-644-3577) for people to call for pre-recorded information about the extension program and their remaining benefits. Individuals can visit <http://www.mitalent.org> for job and training information.

How can claimants find out more about EUC?

We strongly encourage claimants to stay informed on the status of the EUC program by:

- calling the EUC hotline at 1-800-638-3995 for pre-recorded updates about the EUC program***
- via the UIA website at michigan.gov/uia; click the red EUC Extension button***

- Visit the UIA website at www.michigan.gov/uia to review EUC program updates or to submit an inquiry to the Agency's Virtual Problem Resolution (ViPR) agents who are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Call the UIA Customer Service Line at 1-866-500-0017. Customer Service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Visit a UIA Problem Resolution Office (PRO) for in-person assistance. There are 15 PROs statewide. Visit the UIA website at www.michigan.gov/uia for a list of locations.