

July 2010 Federal Extensions Frequently Asked Questions

Do I qualify for the new federal unemployment extensions?

You will likely be eligible for this extension if you exhausted your regular state unemployment (UI) or emergency unemployment extension (EEUC) after May 29, 2010. You may also be eligible if you had a balance remaining on your Extended Benefits (EB) when that program ended on June 12. If you fully exhausted your Extended Benefits (EB) you are not eligible.

When can I start filing again?

Hoosiers eligible to resume collecting the federally funded unemployment extensions will be able to begin filing online for those benefits on Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

Will the money be available the next day?

DWD will pay benefits on eligible claims in 48 hours during the week of August 3 due to the large increase in claims.

Will I get all of the benefits that I missed?

Individuals will receive a voucher for each week of missed benefits they were eligible to receive.

Will everyone get vouchers for each week they missed?

In a few cases not all retroactive vouchers will be available right away. People should fill out every voucher that appears on their homepage. Hoosiers eligible for retroactive benefits should visit their homepage on Indiana's online filing system prior to July 31 to make sure they don't have any pending applications or links seeking information. In some cases this information will be required for vouchers to appear by August 3.

Do the extensions provide any extra weeks of benefits for people who previously ran out of extended benefits?

This legislation only resumes previous extensions. It does not add any extra weeks of benefits.

Do I still need to list where I looked for work on my past vouchers?

You must look for work in order to be eligible to collect unemployment. You must list the places you look for work for each week of benefits you want to claim.

What happens if I did not look for work because I wasn't collecting benefits?

You will not be eligible for benefits for that week.

Am I eligible for retroactive benefits if I took a full-time job after the benefits expired?

You may be eligible for benefits each week you were not working full-time. You are not eligible for benefits the week you **START** a new full-time job.

Will I be eligible if I quit my job because the extensions have passed?

You are most likely not eligible for benefits if you quit your job.

Will I still get the extra \$25 per week?

This new federal legislation changes the \$25 weekly federal additional payment. Anyone who previously collected the \$25 per week will continue to collect this money weekly. Individuals who file new initial unemployment claims after May 29, 2010 will not receive the additional \$25 per week.

What do I do if I was collecting Extended Benefits (EB) when the last extensions ran out?

People collecting Extended Benefits (EB) will be able to resume collecting whatever benefits they had remaining when the program ended on June 12.

What happens if I exhausted Tier 4 benefits when the last extensions ran out?

Hoosiers who exhausted Tier 4 benefits will not see any new vouchers online. A letter from DWD will come in the mail with instructions on filing for Extended Benefits (EB). The Extended Benefits (EB) program requires people to apply in person at their local WorkOne Center and bring the DWD eligibility letter.