



## April 10, 2020 Michigan Unemployment Update

Michigan's self-employed workers, gig workers, 1099-independent contractors and low-wage workers affected by COVID-19 can apply for federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) beginning Monday, April 13 at 8AM. Under the federal CARES Act, workers on state unemployment have already begun receiving the set \$600 federal weekly payment in addition to their state benefit amount. Michigan is one of the first states to begin sending the \$600 payment.

### Newly eligible workers who have yet to apply for unemployment benefits:

Self-employed workers, gig workers, 1099-independent contractors and low-wage workers can apply for federal benefits beginning Monday, April 13 at 8AM online at Michigan.gov/UIA. Online is the fastest and easiest way to access these benefits. Workers need to use the UIA's daily filing schedule based on their last names which can be found below. For example, last names beginning with letters A-L should start filing claims Monday.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE File Your Claim By <b>Last Name</b>	
 <b>ONLINE SCHEDULE:</b> <b>michigan.gov/uia</b> WEBSITE IS 24/7	 <b>CALL CENTER SCHEDULE:</b> <b>1-866-500-0017</b> 8 AM-6PM MON-FRI, 7AM-2PM SAT
<b>A-L</b> FILE CLAIMS Monday Wednesday Friday	<b>M-Z</b> FILE CLAIMS Sunday Tuesday Thursday
Saturday if you missed your days	
<b>A-L</b> CALL ON Monday & Wednesday	<b>M-Z</b> CALL ON Tuesday & Thursday
Friday and Saturday if you missed your days	
<small>The day or time of day in which a claim is filed will not impact whether you receive benefits or your benefit amount. Additionally, your claim can be backdated to reflect the date you were laid off or let go due to COVID-19.</small>	

Unemployment claims continue to grow at an unprecedented rate. File Online! **Expect the process to be slow due to the number of people who will be applying! Be patient. File during Non-Peak hours (8:00 pm to 8:00 am)**

**This link will provide you with all the details you need.**

[Michigan Dept. of Labor Details on Applying for Unemployment](#)

### Newly eligible workers who have been previously denied benefits:

Self-employed workers, gig workers, 1099-independent contractors and low-wage workers who have previously applied for unemployment benefits and have been denied should login to their MiWAM account to complete the next steps for PUA federal benefits. These steps will also be emailed to workers. They should not file a new claim, as that may delay the time it takes to get their benefits.

All newly eligible workers will need to provide proof of income to receive the maximum amount they are entitled. This could include W-2s, 1099 tax forms, and pay stubs. These workers will begin receiving

federal benefits as early as April 20 after their bi-weekly certification. Individuals on paid sick leave or other paid leave – and those who have the ability to telework with pay – are not eligible for PUA.

*\$600 federal payments for workers already receiving state benefits:*

Workers already collecting state unemployment benefits have begun receiving the \$600 federal set amount in addition to up to \$362 they were previously eligible for. These payments are disbursed at the same time as their state benefits through direct deposit or debit card after their bi-weekly certification.

*\$600 federal payments for newly eligible workers:*

Eligible self-employed workers, gig workers, 1099-independent contractors, and low-wage workers will begin receiving their state benefit amount (paid with federal funds) and the \$600 federal payment as early as April 20.

*All eligible workers will receive benefits:*

The UIA assures every eligible worker in Michigan who applies for unemployment benefits that they will receive them. The UIA will be accepting claims and benefit applications back-dated to reflect the date on which the claimant was laid-off due to COVID-19, beyond the previously established 28-day period (\$600 federal payment is only retroactive back to March 28).

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