

Name: SSN: XXX-XXX-XXXX Date: 04/06/2020

Information Regarding PUA

HOW IS THE WEEKLY PUA BENEFIT RATE CALCULATED?

The PUA rate is calculated based on the regular New York State unemployment insurance (UI) formula. We use all wages in the tax year that was completed immediately before the pandemic assistance period. We include wages from covered, non-covered, and self-employment. If there are insufficient employment and wages in the base period, the rate will be one-half the state's average weekly UI benefit amount.

The PUA rate of a self-employed person who has no net earnings during the base period will be one-half the state's average weekly UI benefit amount.

An applicant may be eligible for PUA if they became the breadwinner or major support for a household because the head of the household died as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this case, the PUA rate will be the rate the deceased head of the household would have been entitled to receive. However, if the applicant is entitled to a higher rate based on his/her own earnings, the higher rate will apply.

The maximum weekly benefit amount for PUA and regular UI benefits is the same: \$504.

WHAT REDUCTIONS ARE MADE TO THE WEEKLY PUA RATE?

The PUA rate shall be reduced by the following:

1. Any benefit or insurance proceeds from any source for loss of wages due to illness or disability.
2. A supplemental unemployment benefit (SUB PAY) pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.
3. Private income protection insurance.
4. Any workers' compensation by virtue of the death of the head of the household as a direct result of the pandemic, prorated by weeks. This applies if the applicant became the head of the household and is seeking work because the head of the household died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. The prorated amount of any retirement pension or annuity under a public or private retirement plan or system to the same extent that such amount would be deducted from regular unemployment insurance benefits under the UI law.
6. Deductions for employment will be made under the same conditions as under the UI law -- 1/4 reduction for each day worked in a claim week. No **PUA** is payable if the applicant earned in excess of \$504 during a claim week.
7. Deductions for child support mandated by court order.

IF I AM APPROVED, HOW DO I CLAIM WEEKLY BENEFITS?

Claim PUA benefits online by using the Department of Labor's website: www.labor.ny.gov/signin

After you are signed in, you can access your weekly certification form by clicking on the menu (3-lined) button on the upper left of the screen next to the page title. You will see a menu (list) of links. Click the link labeled "My Online Forms." You will see a PUA certification form that you must complete. You may also reach your Online Forms from the My Online Services Homepage.

If you are denied Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits, you have a right for a hearing before an administrative law judge at no cost or obligation to you.