GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR CREATIVE PROFESSIONALS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

A snapshot guide for people who lost current or upcoming full- or part-time work

For the first time, 1099 workers will be able to get unemployment insurance.

I have lost all or partial employment, or I am not able to start a job, and I am a...
(choose one of the following)

- W-2 employee
  - File for state unemployment insurance (UI)
    (You will receive what you normally qualify for plus $600 per week**)
  - Access 13 week unemployment insurance extension

- Both a 1099 and W-2 worker
  - Exhaust unemployment insurance

- 1099 worker or self employed (no W-2)
  - Loans and tax benefits may also be available to business owners
    Check with your business advisor or www.sba.gov
  - Get instructions from your state unemployment agency about applying for PUA
    Because PUA is only available to those not eligible for UI, your state may require you to apply for UI first

- Student/long time unemployed worker*

Apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
(You will receive a determined amount plus $600 per week**)

*Someone who has not worked in the last 18 months
**Through July 31, 2020, all UI and PUA claimants will receive their calculated benefits plus an additional $600 per week in compensation.

Note: To ensure they are paying the $600 weekly additional stimulus payment within the approved federal window, states are setting cut-off dates inside that window. Thus, you may not receive the $600 weekly bonus for weeks prior to the week of April 4, or for weeks after the week of July 25.

Contact your union for specific information on navigating this process.

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