



PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance)

What is PUA?

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program was created by the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities (CARES) Act and provides relief to individuals who lost work due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Guam Department of Labor (GDOL) has been tasked to administer the PUA program for all Guam residents.

What will I Receive?

Guam's PUA benefit is \$345. If you qualify for PUA, your benefit will be based on your recent wages. Qualifying for PUA automatically qualifies you for an additional \$600 from the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

How Do I Apply?

The GDOL will release the PUA Application on their website. To prepare to apply online, create a login at hireguam.com.

Who is Eligible?

Individuals who have become unemployed, partially unemployed (reduced hours), or unable or unavailable to work due to COVID-19:

1. Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis;
2. A member of the individual's household has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
3. The individual provides care for a member of their household who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
4. A child within the individual's household, for which the individual is the primary caregiver, is unable to attend school or another facility that is closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency and childcare is required for the individual to work;
5. The individual is unable to reach their place or work due to imposed quarantine measure as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency;
6. The individual is unable to work under advisement of a health care provider to self-quarantine;
7. The individual was scheduled to begin employment and does not have a job or is unable to reach the job as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency;
8. The individual has become the breadwinner for a household because the head of household has died as a direct result of COVID-19;
9. The individual has to quit his/her job as a direct result of COVID-19;
10. The individual's place of employment is closed, resulting in unemployment, partial employment (reduced hours) as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.