



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Montana

Emergency Unemployment Compensation – 2008

Tier II

2008 Supplemental Appropriations Act (EUC08) - Public Law 110-252 FACT SHEET

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When did the state enter into the agreement with United States Department of Labor to be a participant in EUC?

Governor Schweitzer signed an agreement with the United States Department of Labor on July 1, 2008. This signed agreement continues to be in effect for the Tier II extension.

What does this agreement mean for Montana Unemployment Insurance Claimants?

An individual who has exhausted all "regular" Unemployment Insurance Benefits and is not eligible for a "new" Unemployment Insurance claim in Montana or another state can file a claim for an extension.

How did Montana become eligible for Tier II Benefit Eligibility?

The extension of EUC Benefits in November of 2008 provided for an additional tier of benefits if a state's increasing unemployment rates have reached a level of Insured Unemployment of 4% or higher.

How can a claimant file a claim?

Eligible Customers can begin filing claims on Sunday, February 15, 2009. Claims can be filed by the following options:

Customers can access the Unemployment Insurance Internet application at UI4U.mt.gov.

Or Call:

Billings Claims Center (406) 247-1000

Helena Claims Center (406) 444-2545

When is the earliest effective date for a Tier II extension claim?

The first effective date of an Initial Claim under the extension is February 15, 2009.

What is the number of weeks of potential eligibility?

The duration of the extension claim is the lesser of 50 percent of the total amount of regular compensation, or 13 times the individual's average weekly benefit amount for the benefits year. Example: If an individual's "regular" claim was eligible for 22 weeks, their extension claim would be eligible for 11 weeks of benefits.

How much per week would a claimant be eligible to receive?

The claimant would be eligible for the same weekly benefit amount as the individual's last "regular" claim.

Example: If their regular Unemployment Insurance Claim was eligible for \$200 per week then the extension claim would be eligible for \$200 per week.

What is the last date to file for the additional EUC08 benefits?

You must have exhausted your EUC08 First Tier account on or before February 27, 2010 to qualify to receive the additional EUC08 benefits.

The last date Montana can make payments to claimants is the week ending July 31, 2010.

How will eligible customers be notified of their potential eligibility?

The governor's office has issued a press release to inform customers of the beginning of the program.

All claimants who may be eligible will be sent a notification letter to their last known address, or an e-mail notification to their last known e-mail address.