



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

# Montana

## ***Emergency Unemployment Compensation – 2008 Additional EUC Benefits 2008 Supplemental Appropriations Act (EUC08) - Public Law 111-92 FACT SHEET***

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### **When did Montana enter into an agreement with United States Department of Labor to be a participant in EUC08?**

Governor Schweitzer signed an agreement with the United States Department of Labor on July 1, 2008. This signed agreement authorizes Montana to participate in the EUC program.

### **What does this agreement mean to you?**

An individual who has exhausted all “regular” Unemployment Insurance benefits and is not eligible for a “new” UI claim in Montana or any other state can file an EUC08 claim.

### **How did Montana become eligible for additional EUC08 benefits?**

On November 6, 2009, President Obama signed Public Law 111-92 which provides up to 14 additional weeks of EUC benefits to those who have exhausted all their regular benefits and EUC08 benefits.

### **How can you file for the additional EUC08 benefits?**

If you are currently filing, continue to file your biweekly requests for payment. If you are not currently filing, but are currently unemployed and feel you may qualify, reactivate your claim and begin filing your biweekly requests for payment. When the programming has been completed, you will be paid for any weeks you are eligible. Biweekly requests for payment and claim reactivation can be done online at [ui4u.mt.gov](http://ui4u.mt.gov). You can also file your biweekly request for payment by calling our IVR System at 800-207-0667 or 444-9800 in the Helena area.

### **When is the earliest effective date for the additional EUC08 benefits?**

The earliest effective date is the week of November 8 – 14, 2009.

### **How many weeks of benefits will the additional EUC benefits provide?**

Public Law 111-92 increases the EUC08 Second Tier benefits by the lesser of 1 week or 4%. It also creates an EUC08 Third Tier which provides the lesser of 13 additional weeks or 50% of an individual’s UI claim entitlement. Example: If your “regular” claim was eligible for 22 weeks, you would be eligible for 11 additional weeks of benefits on EUC08 Third Tier and a partial week of EUC08 Second Tier benefits.

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

You must have exhausted your EUC08 Second 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 you be notified of potential eligibility of the additional EUC08 benefits?**

The Unemployment Insurance Division will send notification to potentially eligible claimants at their last known address, and/or email address. We will also be issuing press releases as information becomes available.



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## **Who pays for the additional EUC benefits?**

All benefits paid under the EUC program are federally funded. These benefits will not impact employer's state UI tax rates.

## **When Tier III is completed I heard there is the possibility of an additional 6 weeks of benefits under a Tier IV, what is required for this extension?**

Although the Federal legislation provided for a fourth tier of EUC benefits, Montana does not qualify to offer these benefits to our customers. In order for our state to qualify, Montana must be listed as a high unemployment state with a 13 week insured unemployment rate (IUR) of at least 6 percent or a three-month average total unemployment rate (TUR) of at least 8.5%. Montana's IUR rate is 3.5% and the TUR rate is 6.6%.