



Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Provides Reemployment Assistance Update - May 23

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Today, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) issued reemployment assistance updates on the [Reemployment Assistance \(RA\) Claims Dashboard](#). As of May 22, DEO has paid 1,006,327 claimants a total of nearly \$2.78 billion (\$2,779,505,774).

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance:

- The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program provides unemployment benefits to those that may not otherwise be eligible under Florida's state Reemployment Assistance program, including independent contractors and individuals who are self-employed. Individuals who have been impacted by COVID-19 and believe they may be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, can visit www.FloridaJobs.org and select "File a Claim" to apply and be considered for PUA.
 - Click [here](#) for PUA Application Process.
 - Click [here](#) for PUA Frequently Asked Questions.
 - Click [here](#) for COVID-19 Employment Scenarios.
- Applicants should utilize the following criteria when applying for PUA:
 - Individuals who applied for the state's Reemployment Assistance benefits on or after April 5, 2020, and were deemed ineligible for state Reemployment Assistance benefits will receive additional application information from the Department. They can also visit www.FloridaJobs.org/cares-act for more information regarding these programs.
 - Pursuant to the requirements of the CARES Act, 20 C.F.R. 625.4, and section 443.036, F.S., those who are self-employed, contract employees, gig workers, or others who applied for the state's Reemployment Assistance benefits on or before April 4, 2020, should apply at www.FloridaJobs.org and select "File a Claim" to request PUA.
 - Unemployed Floridians who have not yet applied for any benefit should apply at www.FloridaJobs.org and will be considered for all existing programs, including PUA.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES:

- DEO will be continuing to process claims and making payments at night and over the weekend. CONNECT will be available from 8:00 a.m. – 4:59 p.m.

on Saturday, May 23 and Monday, May 25, but unavailable to existing claimants on Sunday, May 24.

- Reemployment Assistance Customer Service Centers will be available Saturday, May 23 and Monday, May 25 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for all questions. Individuals who have general questions that are not claim specific can call 1-833 FL APPLY (1-833-352-7759) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- This schedule does not affect individuals that wish to file a new claim. **Individuals can file a new claim 24 hours a day, seven days per week at www.FloridaJobs.org and select "File a Claim."**

HOW TO APPLY FOR REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

DEO has a mobile-friendly online application for individuals filing a new Reemployment Assistance claim available [here](#). For a step by step guide on how to apply read more [here](#). For the Reemployment Assistance Resource Guide which includes frequently asked questions, please click [here](#). For additional information about Reemployment Assistance benefits visit www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19.

About DEO

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity combines the state's economic, workforce and community development efforts, expediting economic development projects to fuel job creation in competitive communities and promote economic resiliency. For more information, including valuable resources for employers and job seekers, please visit www.FloridaJobs.org.

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