



Oklahoma Unemployment Benefit Changes

On May 17, Governor Kevin Stitt announced that effective June 27, 2021, the state of Oklahoma will opt out of federal unemployment programs and revert back to pre-pandemic Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and eligibility requirements.

View [Governor Stitt's Executive Order](#) detailing the initiative, or view more information about the Back to Work Initiative program [HERE](#).

Which programs will end?

All federal unemployment benefit programs, including the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) and Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) will end.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

Program Details: The Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) allowed claimants to continue receiving unemployment benefits after they had exhausted their traditional Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits.

Program Changes: Effective June 27, PEUC will no longer be available to unemployment claimants in the state of Oklahoma. Any benefit claims filed before June 27 will be paid to eligible claimants.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

Program Details: Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) allowed self-employed, contract, and gig workers, who are not normally eligible for traditional Unemployment Insurance (UI), access to federal unemployment benefits.

Program Changes: Effective June 27, PUA will no longer be available to unemployment claimants in the state of Oklahoma. Any benefits filed before June 27 will be paid to eligible claimants.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

Program Details: All active claim types, including traditional UI, PEUC, and PUA are eligible for an additional \$300 weekly federal benefit.

Program Changes: Effective June 27, FPUC will no longer be available to unemployment claimants in the state of Oklahoma. Any benefits filed before June 27 will be paid to eligible claimants.



Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)

Program Details: Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) provided an additional \$100 per week in benefits to individuals who received at least \$5,000 of self-employment income in the most recent taxable year and were not receiving PUA benefits.

Program Changes: Effective June 27, MEUC will no longer be available to unemployment claimants in the state of Oklahoma. Any benefits filed before June 27 will be paid to eligible claimants.

Emergency Unemployment Relief for Governmental Entities and Non-Profit Organizations program

Program Details: This program allowed the federal government to pay 50% of unemployment costs incurred by non-profit employers that self-insure on a reimbursement method.

Program Changes: Effective June 30, Emergency Unemployment Relief for Governmental Entities and Non-Profit Organizations will no longer be available to participating organizations.

Re-employment Services

The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) has several re-employment resources to help claimants as they return to work. Claimants searching for work can view many of these employment and training resources at oklahoma.gov/oesc/individuals/programs.

OKDHS Child Care Services

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) provides 60 days of subsidized childcare to Oklahomans who are searching for employment. To apply for the benefit, visit <https://okdhslive.org/>.