ALERT: Payments of extra $300 should start in mid-January

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The new federal legislation that expands and changes CARES Act provisions includes an extra $300 per week for eligible claimants who are receiving benefits from any unemployment program. The extra payment is called Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

Claimants who are eligible for benefits from the week ending Jan. 2, 2021, to the week ending March. 13, 2021, will receive the extra amount.

Payments should start Jan. 15

We’ll issue a payment for the first two weeks on Jan. 15, 2021, unless we get more guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) that requires changes to our computer system. Eligible claimants will receive the payment as soon as their bank processes it, which sometimes takes a few days. After that, we’ll issue payments weekly until the end date.

The only claimants who will not receive the extra funds are those on the Training Benefits program.

Read a [statement from Commissioner Suzi LeVine](https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/alerts/extra-300-dollar-payments) about the FPUC payment and other updates about the CARES Act extensions.