



EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (EUC)

On June 30, 2008 Congress passed and the President signed the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008, which provides for up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment compensation benefits, known as Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC).

The extension of benefits was effective July 6, 2008 and the first week paid under the EUC program was the week ending July 12, 2008. The extension is scheduled to end March 31, 2009.

QUALIFICATIONS

- The claimant must have a regular UC claim with a benefit year that ended on or after May 1, 2007 and
- Is currently unemployed and has exhausted all regular unemployment compensation benefits under state and federal law,
- Has worked 20 weeks in full-time covered employment or earned the equivalent in covered wages prior to his/her separation from employment.

FUNDING

The EUC benefits are entirely Federally-funded. Employers' accounts will not be charged for any monies paid out to claimants on this extension; but employers will provide the funding through the uniform Federal UC Tax paid by employers.

BENEFITS

A claimant's EUC weekly benefit amount is the same as the regular UC weekly benefit amount payable for a week of total unemployment. The maximum EUC amount is the lesser of 13 times the claimant's WBA or 50% of the total amount of the regular claim. (Exception made in those states where regular benefits are paid for more than 26 weeks.)

States are administering EUC for the Federal Government. Depending on the state, those eligible will be notified by the State or the State agency must be contacted (by internet or telephone).

If you have any questions, please contact UCAC, Inc., at 561-689-8222.

UCAC's role on behalf of you, our client, is to protect your business by tracking the impact of this legislation for potential negative effects on your cost of doing business.