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### **2 Federally Funded Unemployment Programs Ending**

JUNEAU, Alaska—Two federally funded programs that have provided benefits for some Alaskans eligible for unemployment compensation are being phased out. Claimants who will be affected are being notified as they file.

The last day to establish eligibility for federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation is Nov. 27. Claimants must have exhausted all regular unemployment benefits and state Extended Benefits by that date to be eligible for EUC. In Alaska there are currently three tiers of EUC benefits. Individuals can continue to collect benefits on their current EUC tier through the week ending April 30, 2011.

The Federal Additional Compensation program, which added \$25 to each eligible weekly benefit payment to some Alaskans receiving unemployment insurance, will end the week of Dec. 11. FAC started in February 2009 and eligibility for the program ended in May 2010.

Alaska continues to pay state-funded EB. This program triggers on and off based on unemployment rates. Alaska has been triggered on to EB since January 2009. People must exhaust regular unemployment benefits to be eligible for this program.

All Alaskan job seekers are encouraged to visit the Alaska Job Center Network at one of [23 statewide job centers](#) or online at <http://Jobs.Alaska.Gov>. Alaska job centers offer comprehensive employment resources including Alaska's free online job bank – ALEXsys – for conducting local or statewide job searches, a work skills assessment to help determine job readiness and reemployment services orientation to help choose the best career path.

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