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### **Fed Reinstates Extended Benefit Unemployment Program**

JUNEAU, Alaska—Under legislation signed on Dec. 17, states will continue to pay federally funded Emergency Unemployment Compensation to people who exhaust their regular unemployment insurance and state extended benefits.

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 provides for eligibility retroactive to Nov. 30 when the program ended. It extends the date to establish new claims for EUC through Dec. 31, 2011 and allows payment of EUC balances until June 9, 2012.

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development does not anticipate any delays in getting EUC payments to claimants who have filed for them. People whose benefits were interrupted will be sent a letter letting them know how their claim will be affected.

New applications for EUC should be submitted online at <https://myalaska.state.ak.us/home/app>. Log in to myAlaska and choose Unemployment Insurance Benefits to complete the application.

This law does not add more weeks to the benefits that were previously available. For persons who had already exhausted their regular UI benefits, state extended benefits and all EUC entitlements, this extension will not provide additional EUC benefits.

All Alaskan job seekers are encouraged to visit the Alaska Job Center Network at one of [23 statewide job centers](#) or online at [www.Jobs.Alaska.Gov](http://www.Jobs.Alaska.Gov), or call 877-724-2539. 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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