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Extended Unemployment Insurance Benefits

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010 was signed into law on July 22, 2010, allowing states to continue paying federally-funded Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) to people who exhaust their regular unemployment insurance (UI) and state extended benefits.

The new federal legislation provides for eligibility retroactive to June 2, 2010. It extends the date to establish new claims for EUC through November 30, 2010 and allows payment of EUC balances until April 30, 2011.

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is preparing to expedite payments to people who have filed for EUC benefits since June 2, 2010. Payments are expected to be made within one week.

The application for EUC is available at <https://myalaska.state.ak.us/home/app>. Log in to myAlaska and choose Unemployment Insurance Benefits to complete the application. If you have questions, claim center staff may be contacted at (907) 269-4700 in Anchorage, (907) 451-2871 in Fairbanks, (907) 465-5552 in Juneau or toll free at (888) 252-2557 from all other areas.

This law does not add more weeks to the benefits that were previously available. If a person has already exhausted their regular UI benefits, state extended benefits and all EUC entitlements, this extension will not provide additional EUC benefits. People who have exhausted all benefits and are still unemployed can get help finding work by going to their nearest Job Center, going online at <http://Jobs.Alaska.Gov>, or calling (877) 724-2539.

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