

# FEDERAL CARES ACT EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY, INCREASES UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS



## WHO'S ELIGIBLE

- Self-employed workers
- Gig workers
- Low-wage workers
- 1099-independent contractors
- Workers whose unemployment benefits have run out



## WHO'S NOT ELIGIBLE

- Individuals on paid sick leave or other paid leave
- Individuals who have the ability to telework with pay
- Individuals who quit work without good cause to obtain unemployment benefits



## APPLYING FOR BENEFITS

**Newly eligible workers who have yet to apply** for unemployment benefits can now apply online at [Michigan.gov/UIA](https://Michigan.gov/UIA).

**Newly eligible workers who have already applied** and been previously denied benefits can login to their MiWAM account at [Michigan.gov/UIA](https://Michigan.gov/UIA) to complete the next steps for federal benefits. They should not file a new claim, it may delay the time it takes to get their benefits.

All newly eligible workers will need to provide proof of income to receive the maximum amount they are entitled. This could include W-2s, 1099 tax forms and pay stubs.



## INCREASED FEDERAL PAYMENTS

Under the CARES Act, weekly benefits for all unemployed workers will be increased by a set amount of \$600.

These payments are disbursed at the same time as their state benefits – up to \$362/week – through direct deposit or debit card after their bi-weekly certification.



## ALL ELIGIBLE WORKERS WILL RECEIVE BENEFITS

Every eligible Michigan worker who applies for unemployment benefits will receive them.

The UIA will be accepting claims and applications back-dated to reflect the date on which the claimant was laid-off due to COVID-19 beyond the previously established 28 days.

## HOW TO APPLY



Go to  
[Michigan.gov/UIA](https://Michigan.gov/UIA)



Login to  
MiWAM



Follow the  
steps on the top  
of your account