

The Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010

- The Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Program began to phase out at the end of May. This means individuals exhausting their 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits, or exhausting any of the tiers of Federal EUC benefits, since that time are no longer eligible for emergency unemployment benefits.
- The legislation would retroactively restore these emergency unemployment benefits and continue the EUC program through November.
- In addition, the legislation would restore full Federal funding for the permanent-law Extended Benefits program through November.
- The bill also includes two beneficiary protections: the continuation of an assurance that States are not cutting the level of regular unemployment benefits; and a safeguard that prevents EUC claimants from having their benefits reduced if modest earnings requalifies them for regular, State unemployment benefits at lower weekly payment levels.
- All of these same policies were included in the UI extension legislation passed by the House on July 1 (HR 5618).
- The legislation will restore unemployment benefits to an estimated 2.5 million individuals whose benefits have been terminated since the emergency program began to phase out.