

MEUC Frequently Asked Questions

What is MEUC?

The Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation program is for workers who have both traditional W-2 wages and self-employment income. It provides an additional \$100 per week payment to individuals who are eligible.

How can I potentially be eligible for MEUC?

To qualify for MEUC, an individual must:

- 1) Have earned at least \$5,000 in self-employment income in the most recent taxable year prior to their application for regular unemployment;
- 2) Be receiving benefits from regular unemployment, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Shared Work or Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA);
- 3) Be eligible for at least \$1 in an underlying unemployment benefit for the week; and
- 4) Submit documentation substantiating their self-employment income.

Can I receive MEUC benefits if I am receiving PUA benefits?

No, MEUC is not available to those receiving PUA.

What does the most recent taxable year mean?

The most recent taxable year for individuals whose initial regular claim was filed in 2020 is 2019. The most recent taxable year for individuals whose initial regular claim was filed in 2021 is 2020.

If my unemployment claim is pending, how do I know when I can apply for MEUC and submit the necessary documentation?

You can apply for MEUC immediately after you file for a regular claim, even though the regular claim is pending.

How do I apply for MEUC?

To apply for MEUC, log in to uinteract.labor.mo.gov. Click Unemployment Claim → File MEUC. You will be directed to upload documentation such as your 1040 tax return Schedule C, F, or SE for the most recent taxable year prior to your application for regular unemployment.

Can I still file for MEUC without uploading documentation?

Yes, an individual can file for MEUC without uploading a file, but the application is not complete until proof is provided. You will need to submit documentation within 15 days of filing the MEUC claim. If documentation is not submitted, the claim will be denied.

What time period does the MEUC benefits cover?

The first payable week of the MEUC program is for the week ending January 2, 2021 and will continue until the week ending September 4, 2021.

Will I receive MEUC benefits for past weeks?

If you are determined eligible for MEUC, benefits will be retroactively paid as appropriate.

Will the payment method of MEUC be different than my regular unemployment benefit?

No, MEUC benefits are received using the same payment method for which you receive your regular unemployment benefits.

Can MEUC have an impact on my eligibility for other programs?

MEUC payments may affect an individual's eligibility for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).