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Coronavirus Update

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NOTICE

Latest updates at the DUA including information on work search requirements, American Rescue Plan Act, identity verification, and fraud prevention. Learn more. (/alerts/unemployment-updates#1748601) +

NOTICE

Últimas actualizaciones en el Departamento de Asistencia al Desempleado (DUA) incluyendo información sobre los requisitos de búsqueda de trabajo, la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense, verificación de identidad y prevención del fraude. Más información (/node/561466#1748636) +

NOTICE

Massachusetts residents have received text messages and emails that include a link requesting claimants enter their login and password on a site that looks similar to UI Online. If you have received such a message, please do not respond. Learn more. (/alerts/dua-warns-about-phishing-scam#1824061) +

NEWS

Massachusetts Approved For Lost Wages Assistance Grant

Commonwealth receiving 3 weeks of federal FEMA funds to pay additional $300 unemployment benefits

8/24/2020

Department of Unemployment Assistance

Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

BOSTON — Massachusetts' application to receive grant funding to pay an additional weekly unemployment benefit to claimants under the federal Lost Wages Supplemental Payment Assistance (LWA) program has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The application was submitted late last week by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), in coordination with the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA).

Per FEMA's authorization, the grant will fund an additional $300 weekly payment to those who are eligible for the three weeks ending 8/1/20, 8/8/20, and 8/15/20. The Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance has already begun work on the technology requirements necessary for this program and anticipates being able to quickly deliver retroactive funds to eligible claimants for those weeks by Sept. 15. Eligible claimants currently receiving benefits do not need to take any action because the Commonwealth will automatically add LWA to their weekly benefit payment retroactive to the dates they are eligible.

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DUA oversees the unemployment insurance (UI) program, which provides temporary income assistance to eligible workers in Massachusetts. DUA also determines and collects employer contributions to the UI program. To report fraud or get help with your claim, call Unemployment Customer Assistance at (877) 626-6800.

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EOLWD manages the Commonwealth's workforce development and labor departments to ensure that workers, employers, and the unemployed have the tools and training needed to succeed in the Massachusetts economy.

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