



# New York Unemployment Insurance Coalition

## Know Your Rights: Benefit Extensions

### BASIC INFO

- There are 46 weeks of additional benefits available if you have exhausted your 26 weeks of regular benefits.
  - The first 33 weeks of additional benefits are Emergency Benefits
  - The last 13 weeks of additional benefits are Extended Benefits
- These 46 weeks of additional benefits can be claimed in the usual manner – by going to the DOL’s website and logging in on the Benefits Online Page and clicking on “Claim Weekly Benefits” or, you can call the Tel-Service number.
- The weekly benefit amount for additional benefits is the same amount you received for regular benefits.

### ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for the extensions you must:
  - Have exhausted your regular UI benefits by the week ending 12/20/09 and start claiming emergency benefits by week ending 12/27/09.
  - Have no rights to regular or extended compensation under any other Federal or state law.
  - Meet basic state eligibility requirements such as being ready, willing and able to work.
  - If you are in an approved 599 Training Program, you are not required to look for work while claiming benefits.
  - However, special work search requirements apply to those claiming the 13 weeks of Extended Benefits. See below for more information.
- If you live outside NY state, and the state you live in does not offer Extended Benefits, you will only be eligible for 2 weeks of Extended Benefits. Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania currently offer Extended Benefits.
- Work Search Requirements for 13 week Extended Benefits:
  - Must actively search for and be prepared to accept suitable work.
  - Suitable work includes any work for which you qualified by training and experience, any work you are capable of doing, whether or not you have any training or experience, if it pays 80% of your high quarter base period wages.
    - You must apply to or contact at least two prospective employers each week.
    - You must keep a record of your work search that includes the date of contact, the employer name and address, the method of contact and the position applied for.
      - The DOL has an “Extended Benefits-Monthly Work Search Record” form on their website. You may use this form, but are not obligated to do so. However, you MUST mail your search records on the last Sunday of any month in which you claim Extended Benefits to: NYS Department of Labor, PO Box 15121, Albany NY 12212-5121