

## **EXTENDED BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS WHO EXHAUST REGULAR UI BENEFITS**

Unemployed workers may be eligible for Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC). The extension is a temporary federal program which pays up to 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits to workers who continue to be unemployed after exhausting 26 weeks of regular unemployment insurance benefits and are not eligible to file a new claim for benefits. Your TEUC weekly benefit amount (WBA) will be the same amount you received on your regular unemployment claim.

The TEUC program began on March 10, 2002 as part of the economic recovery tax incentive package created by Congress after the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. The original program provided 13 weeks of additional benefits and was to end on December 31, 2002 (Public Law 107-147). In January 2003, Congress approved an extension to move the program end date to May 31, 2003 (Public Law 108-1). In May, Congress approved another extension to move the program end date to December 31, 2003 (Public Law 108-26). Individuals who have a balance on their TEUC claim as of December 31, 2003 can continue to claim benefits until a new claim can be filed or until benefits are exhausted or until April 3, 2004, whichever occurs first.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR TEUC**

1. You must be unemployed or earning wages totaling less than your weekly benefit amount.
2. You must have exhausted all rights to regular benefits under any state or federal law or extended benefits under the Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970.
3. You must have filed a new claim, additional claim, or transitional claim on or after March 11, 2001.
4. You must meet one of the following three requirements in the base period of your regular claim: 1) Total of 20 weeks of employment or 2) Total wages equal to one and one-half times your high quarter wages or 3) Total wages equal to forty times your WBA.
5. You must satisfy all eligibility requirements of the Hawaii Employment Security Law.
6. You must not have a disqualification or ineligibility still in effect.

All TEUC extensions are entirely federally funded. Therefore, employers' reserve accounts will not be charged for any TEUC monies paid out to claimants.

## **SPECIAL EXTENSION AVAILABLE FOR UNEMPLOYED AIRLINE AND RELATED WORKERS**

For unemployed airline and related workers, a special airline extension or TEUC-A, will pay up to 39 weeks of extended unemployment benefits to workers who continue to be unemployed after exhausting 26 weeks of regular unemployment insurance benefits and are not eligible to file a new claim for benefits.

The TEUC-A program began on April 20, 2003 and will end on December 28, 2003. Individuals who have a balance on their TEUC-A claim as of December 28, 2003 can continue to claim benefits until a new claim can be filed or until benefits are exhausted or until January 1, 2005, whichever occurs first.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR TEUC-A**

In addition to the eligibility requirements under TEUC, you must also meet the following requirements to be eligible for TEUC-A:

1. You must have wages from airline-related employment in the base period of your regular claim. Airline-related employment must be with: certified air carriers, a facility at an airport or offsite nearby that is integrally connected to airport operations, or a business that provides products, supplies or services that are received or utilized by a certified air carrier.
2. You must have been laid off from your airline-related employment due to a reduction in service by an air carrier as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 (including as a result of security responses to those attacks or the closing of an airport) or the war with Iraq.

### **HOW TO APPLY FOR TEUC OR TEUC-A**

You can file a claim for the extension by calling HAWAII TELE-CLAIM from Monday to Friday, excluding state holidays, between 7:45 am to 3:45 pm (HST) and press option 7:

from anywhere in Hawaii ..... 643-5555

from outside the State of Hawaii (toll-free) ..... 1-877-215-5793