

## **Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Benefits Q&A**

Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides additional benefits to eligible individuals who have run out of regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. The federal government funds EUC benefits.

### **How do I apply for EUC?**

TWC will mail you an EUC application after you run out of regular benefits. Fill it out and return it to TWC.

### **How long can I receive EUC?**

The first tier of EUC pays 80 percent of your regular UI claim, or a maximum of 20 weeks of benefits, whichever is less. If you qualify for EUC, TWC will mail you a letter stating the total amount of Tier I EUC we can pay you.

Tier II EUC pays 50 percent of your regular UI claim, or a maximum of 13 weeks of benefits, whichever is less. If you run out of Tier I EUC benefits, TWC will add the additional weeks to your claim and mail you a letter stating the total amount of Tier II EUC we can pay you.

### **When does the EUC program start and end?**

The EUC program began on July 6, 2008. The last week to file a **new** application for EUC is December 20, 2009. The last week TWC can pay EUC benefits is May 29, 2010.

### **Can I get EUC benefits if I received disaster benefits and never exhausted regular benefits?**

No. EUC only applies to eligible claimants who run out of **regular** benefits. Claimants who received **only** Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) are not eligible for extended benefits. DUA payments for Hurricane Ike ended March 21, 2009. DUA payments for Hurricane Dolly ended January 24, 2009.

### **What if I have exhausted Tier I & II of EUC benefits? Is there another extension?**

The Department of Labor has decided that Texas should implement State Extended Benefits (EB). If you run out of EUC, TWC will add the additional weeks to your claim and mail you information about State EB.

### **How does the Economic Stimulus affect me?**

The stimulus adds an extra \$25 weekly payment to most UI benefits programs. TWC will add \$25.00 per week for each week you are eligible to receive benefits after February 22, 2009. **This does not increase your maximum benefit amount or add weeks of benefits to your UI claim.**

The stimulus act waives federal income taxes on the first \$2,400.00 of UI benefits you receive during 2009. Any benefits paid over that amount are taxable.