

COVID RELIEF COALITION

Relief and legal assistance resources for Massachusetts small businesses and nonprofits

<u>Program</u>	<u>Regular Unemployment Benefits (DUA)</u>	<u>Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)</u>
Who can receive benefits?	Individuals who were: (i) already receiving DUA benefits, or (ii) separated from employment or had working hours reduced as a result of the COVID-related shutdowns	Individuals traditionally not eligible for unemployment benefits including: (i) self-employed, (ii) independent contractors like freelancers and gig-workers, (iii) those with limited work history, or (iv) those who have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits
How long can individuals receive benefits?	Up to 39 weeks of benefits. From the date an individual was unable to work as a result of COVID-19 through December 31, 2020.	Up to 39 weeks of benefits. Retroactive benefits run from February 2, 2020, or the first week a claimant was unable to work as a result of COVID-19 (whichever is later) through December 31, 2020.
Does this program include the extra \$600 under the FPUC?	Yes. DUA recipients are eligible for FPUC disbursements. Disbursements began the week ending April 4, 2020 and run through July, 31 2020 (unless further extended).	Yes. PUA recipients are also eligible for FPUC disbursements. Disbursements began the week ending April 4, 2020 and run through July, 31 2020 (unless further extended). New applicants will also receive retroactive FPUC disbursements from March 29, 2020.