**Unemployment and Financial Relief Information**

Whether laid off, furloughed, or still working but with reduced hours, you may qualify to receive Unemployment Compensation.

The State of Hawaii passed the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Act.  The stimulus bill includes an expansion of unemployment benefits, including:

* **Expanded Unemployment**: Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for workers who have traditionally not been eligible for Unemployment Insurance (UI).
* **Supplemental Payments:**An additional $600 per week payment through the end of July 2020 to recipients of Unemployment Insurance (UI) (employees) and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) (including self-employed individuals, independent contractors, people with a limited work history, and those who can't work because of coronavirus.)
* **Extra Weeks of Unemployment:**An additional 13 weeks of unemployment (Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation) (PEUC) for those who no longer have state unemployment benefits available.

1. The best way to apply for unemployment is on-line:  <https://labor.hawaii.gov/ui/information-about-filing-online/>

2.  Information needed:

* Contact information and dates of employment for all employers over past 18 months
* Financial Institution routing # and account # and account type (savings or checking)
* If don't have an account, contact a local financial institution to open one.  Many offer no-cost checking accounts with a debit card.

3. It should take about 30 minutes to complete the application.  If experiencing difficulty with the on-line site, try again in the early morning or evening, when there may be fewer people using it.

The organization Vibrant Hawaii <https://www.vibranthawaii.org/> has step-by-step information on how to apply for unemployment and the financial resources listed below:

## PERSONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

## [HAWAIʻI RESILIENCE FUND $1,000 PER HOUSEHOLD](https://www.hawaiiancouncil.org/hrf?fbclid=IwAR08Jvxur0V9iqEk2TTTTApWspT0ehjoyBk5oHyVflC74nbd-EMIFll3BNA)

## [EMERGENCY FUND GRANT FOR WAIMEA RESIDENTS](http://www.hawaiifirstfcu.com/)

## [MODESTNEEDS.ORG GRANT PROGRAM](https://www.modestneeds.org/about-us/grants-types-self-sufficiency.asp?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&fbclid=IwAR1mn4jhbXjUoRhA3vokxqqjfeYwmdIjv218fbfCNKEV2Mtn5HJMuqREmkQ)

## [APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT](https://huiclaims.hawaii.gov/#/)

## [SUSPEND MORTGAGE PAYMENT - FREDDIE MAC](http://www.freddiemac.com/about/covid-19.html)

## S[USPEND MORTGAGE PAYMENT - FANNIE MAE](https://www.fanniemae.com/portal/media/corporate-news/2020/covid-homeowner-assistance-options-7000.html)

## [RELIEF AND RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS](https://2f69b270-b4db-4d65-a467-e939b7b3d978.filesusr.com/ugd/fb5ef8_292aa0939604427da1665f709de5703e.pdf)

## [COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO APPLYING FOR FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS AID PACKAGE](https://www.schatz.senate.gov/press-releases/schatz-releases-comprehensive-guide-to-help-hawaii-families-workers-businesses-access-federal-funding-apply-for-new-benefits-through-coronavirus-aid-package?fbclid=IwAR0SM8u8Ir0B7nFmeByYVXgcTtm81pVQxm2euK7uI4J_r5IPqYpkq4NpFcc)

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## SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

## [SAVING HAWAIʻI JOBS AND BUSINESS: RESOURCE FOLDER](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1vp3Kc5a7OhLYJ9HTvOGmEn2SbrOl0MiF)

## [COVID-19 RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES](https://2f69b270-b4db-4d65-a467-e939b7b3d978.filesusr.com/ugd/fb5ef8_65451b58fabc44faa61e670a25c5b77f.pdf)

## [SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM](https://invest.hawaii.gov/sba-economic-injury-disaster-loan-program/)

## [SBA CORONAVIRUS RELIEF OPTIONS](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options)

## [EMERGENCY FARMER RELIEF](https://2f69b270-b4db-4d65-a467-e939b7b3d978.filesusr.com/ugd/fb5ef8_e3f49044446f4b29ade4af00b414dd66.docx?dn=COVID-19%20Emergency%20Farmer%20Relief%20proposa)

## [POP UP MĀKEKE ONLINE MARKETPLACE FOR LOCAL VENDORS](https://popupmakeke.com/)

## [BIGISLANDPULSE.COM VIRTUAL CRAFT FAIR CALL FOR VENDORS](https://bigislandpulse.com/community/virtual/?fbclid=IwAR1XELGz0Amf3qREgox7ofgY2_ChM0k1QaUPGNpvftU93bxrGRS7Bsch69I)

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## INFORMATION LINKS

## [HAWAIʻI STATE TAX DEADLINE POSTPONED TO JULY 20, 2020](https://2f69b270-b4db-4d65-a467-e939b7b3d978.filesusr.com/ugd/fb5ef8_7babacd926a54af29a458317dde08e29.pdf)

## [HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC SUSPENDS DISCONNECTIONS FOR 30-DAYS](https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/hawaiian-electric-suspends-disconnections-for-30-days)

## [HUD SUSPENDS ALL FORECLOSURES FOR FHA INSURED MORTGAGES](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/20-04hsgml.pdf)

## [BANK OF HAWAIʻI FORBEARANCE AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS](https://www.boh.com/covid-19-main-page/financial-assistance)

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