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As part of the federal CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security), the federal government has approved funding for additional Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to those affected by COVID-19 who are self-employed. The PUA Act (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance) is a new program under CARES which provides benefits for eligible individuals who are self-employed, seeking part-time employment, or who otherwise would not qualify for UI benefits under state or federal law.

Eligible individuals under PUA will receive federal benefits of \$600 per week for weeks of unemployment ending on or before July 31, 2020.

Information from the US Department of Labor regarding UI benefits can be found here:

<https://www.dol.gov/coronavirus/unemployment-insurance>

Unemployment Insurance is a joint state-federal program that provides benefits to eligible workers so you must apply with California EDD. How to Apply? Please go to CA EDD and set up an account:

[https://edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/Filing\\_a\\_Claim.htm](https://edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/Filing_a_Claim.htm)

When you are asked to list your last employer, please list yourself.

We hope you find this information helpful as you get through these next few weeks. Stay safe.

Our best regards,

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