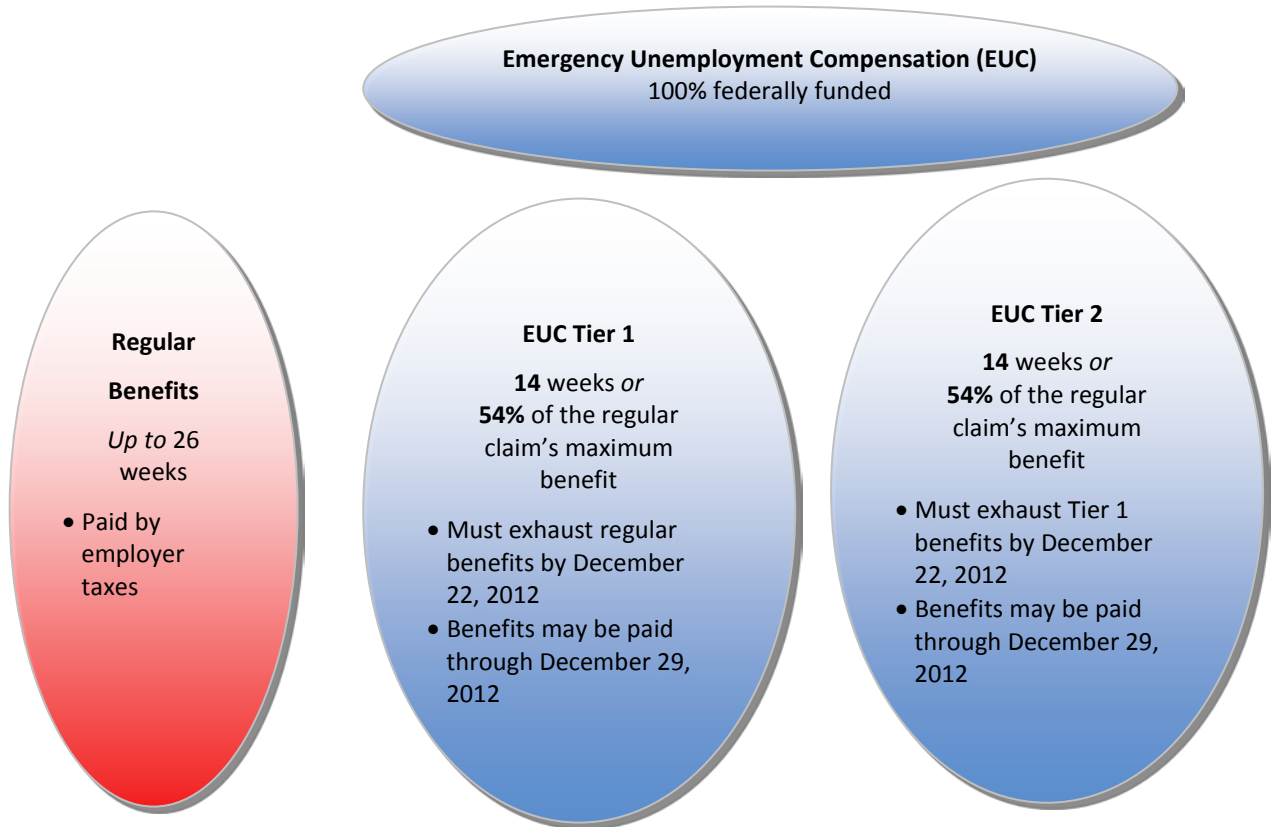


# Extended Unemployment Benefits in Texas

## Chart of Weeks of Benefits in Texas

If you are eligible for a benefit extension after you exhaust your unemployment benefits, TWC will mail you a letter about the additional benefits you may receive, so make sure TWC has your current address. You can find more information about the benefit extensions below.



Find information on how Texas' improving unemployment rate resulted in changes to unemployment benefits, read TWC's press releases, shown below.

- [Lower State Unemployment Rate Results in Changes to Unemployment Benefits](#), March 21, 2012
- [Lower Unemployment Rate Results in 13-Week Reduction to State's Extended Unemployment Benefits](#), April 25, 2012
- [Low State Unemployment Rate in May Results in Changes to Unemployment Benefits](#), June 19, 2012

## Applying, Amounts, Eligibility, Requirements

Texas currently pays **Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC)** Tiers 1 and 2.

### Applying for EUC Benefits

**Tier 1:** TWC mails you a EUC Tier 1 application to complete and return to TWC after you exhaust your regular benefits.

**Tier 2:** If you are receiving benefits, you **do not** apply for Tier 2. If you exhaust Tier 1 by December 22, 2012, TWC **automatically** adds Tier 2 to your claim.

Continue to submit your [Payment Request](#), when scheduled.

### Amount Payable

Regardless of any balance in your EUC claim, **you only have until December 29, 2012**, to receive payment of those funds. Per federal law, the EUC program ends on December 29, 2012.

Type of benefit	Amount payable if you	
	Exhaust benefits with the payment week ending <b>on or before</b> August 25, 2012	Qualify for EUC Tier 1 or 2 <b>on or after</b> September 2, 2012
EUC Tier 1	20 weeks or 80% of your regular claim, whichever is less	14 weeks or 54% of your regular claim, whichever is less*
EUC Tier 2	14 weeks or 54% of your regular claim, whichever is less	14 weeks or 54% of your regular claim, whichever is less

*\*If you qualify for Tier 1 benefits **on or before August 26, 2012**, you **will not** have your EUC balance reduced to the lower amount.*

## EUC Eligibility and Deadlines

**Tier 1:** Must exhaust regular benefits by December 22, 2012, **and** Tier 1 claim must begin by December 23, 2012. **TWC determines your eligibility** for the extension after you complete and return the EUC application to TWC.

**Tier 2:** Must exhaust Tier 1 by December 22, 2012.

**Regardless of any balance in your EUC claim, you only have until December 29, 2012**, to receive payment of those funds. Per federal law, the EUC program ends on **December 29, 2012**.

Other eligibility requirements:

- You must be able and available for full-time work.
- You must be unemployed or working reduced hours.
- Your base period wages must equal or exceed 40 times your weekly benefit amount. (If your regular claim pays 26 weeks of benefits, you meet this qualification.)
- You must have exhausted your regular benefits on your most recent claim, or the claim year must be expired.
- Your regular claim must have been filed on or after May 7, 2006.
- You cannot be eligible for unemployment benefits on a new regular claim\* in Texas, in any other state, or Canada.

\* Note: if you are eligible for a new regular claim that pays less than your EUC claim, you may have options. TWC will mail you a letter if you have an option to continue your EUC claim.

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## Work Search and Availability Requirements

If you are required to look for work, your work search and availability requirements **increase** while you are receiving EUC.

- **You are required** to participate in special reemployment assessment activities with the Workforce Solutions office, unless you have attended similar services within the last three months.
- **You are required** to seek and accept work you are capable of performing.
- You may be required to submit your [work search log](#).

## *Possibility of Further Extensions*

- TWC notifies you by mail if you qualify for another extension, so make sure we have your correct address. To verify your current address, log on to [Unemployment Benefits Services](#), select **Contact Information** from the **Change My Profile** menu, and follow instructions.
- You cannot apply for a benefit extension before exhausting your current balance because you must exhaust each level (Tier) of benefits before applying for an extension.
- Congress can enact legislation to create further extensions at any time. If another extension occurs, that affects your eligibility, after you exhaust your benefits, we will notify you by mail.

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