

HISTORY OF EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (EUC08)

Congress has enacted legislation providing federally funded unemployment benefits for an additional number of weeks. This is the eighth time Congress has created a federal temporary program that has extended unemployment compensation during an economic slowdown: 1958, 1961, 1972, 1975, 1982, 1991, and 2002. EUC08 has been amended 11 times. The benefit amounts and duration vary. EUC08 benefits are no longer available in NC because NC enacted legislation in February 2013 that included a provision to reduce NC weekly benefit amounts. This change violated the "nonreduction" rule and therefore terminated the EUC08 agreement between NC and the Secretary of US DOL.¹

| Public Law | Date | Summary | Sunset Date |
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| 110-252 | June 2008 | 13 weeks – all states | March 28, 2009 |
| 110-449 | November 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1 = 20 weeks, all states • Tier 2 = 13 weeks, if state TUR is 6% or higher | |
| 111-5 | February 2009 | No change | December 26, 2009 |
| 111-92 | November 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1 = 20 weeks, all states • Tier 2 = 14 weeks, all states • Tier 3 = 13 weeks, if state TUR is 6% or higher • Tier 4 = 6 weeks, if state TUR is 8.5% or higher | |
| 111-312 | December 2009 | No change | February 28, 2010 |
| 111-144 | March 2010 | No change | Retroactive April 3, 2010 |
| 111-157 | April 2010 | No change | Retroactive May 29, 2010 |
| 111-205 | July 2010 | Nonreduction rule Temporarily prohibits states from actively reducing UC benefit amounts through changes to benefit calculation if the change results in a weekly benefit amount lower than it was on June 2, 2010 | Retroactive November 27, 2010 |
| 111-312 | December 2010 | No change | Retroactive December 31, 2011 |

¹CRS Report for Congress, "Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08): Current Status of Benefits", November 18, 2013. Prepared by Julie M. Whittaker and Katelin P. Isaacs.

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| 112-78 | December 2011 | No change | February 18, 2012 |
| 112-96 | February 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided that the nonreduction rule did not apply to states that enacted a law before March 1, 2012 • Modified EUC08 to apply to fewer weeks • Through May 26, 2012 Tier 1 = 20 weeks, all states Tier 2 = 14 weeks, all states Tier 3 = 13 weeks, if state TUR is 6% or higher Tier 4 = 6 weeks, if state TUR is 8.5% or higher; 16 weeks if no extended benefits and all other conditions met • Through September 1, 2012 Tier 1 = 20 weeks, all states Tier 2 = 14 weeks, if TUR is 6% or higher Tier 3 = 13 weeks, if state TUR is 7% or higher Tier 4 = 6 weeks, if state TUR is 9% or higher • Through December 29, 2012 Tier 1 = 14 weeks, all states Tier 2 = 14 weeks, if state TUR is 6% or higher Tier 3 = 9 weeks, if state TUR is 7% or higher Tier 4 = 10 weeks, if TUR is 9% or higher | December 29, 2012 |
| 112-240 | January 2013 | No change | Retroactive December 28, 2013 |