



2020 Year-End Stimulus Provides New Relief Option for Mixed Earners

As part of the federal and state efforts to provide pandemic-related unemployment assistance, the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020* ([the December 2020 COVID Stimulus package](#)) created the [Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation \(MEUC\) Program](#) to reach more self-employed individuals. The MEUC Program assists those who are ineligible for pandemic assistance by providing \$100/week to qualifying earners who are both employed (via the W-2 Form) and self-employed (via the 1099 Form).

To receive MEUC Program funds, individuals must:

- Receive at least \$5k in self-employment income (based on latest tax filings).
- Receive at least \$1.00 of unemployment insurance in any program (excluding Pandemic Unemployment Assistance).
- Provide self-employment income documentation.

While federally funded, each state must opt-into the MEUC Program and must administer its own Program. As of February 4, 2021, a majority of states had opted into the MEUC Program. The *Consolidated Appropriations Act* funds the MEUC Program through March 14, 2021. Check with your state's unemployment insurance program for more information on your state's MEUC benefit. Read more about the [MEUC Program from the U.S. Department of Labor](#).

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