



Unemployment Overpayments



Unemployment overpayments occur when the government determines a person was not eligible for benefits they previously received.

For regular UC in Pennsylvania, all overpayments are either “fault” or “non-fault.”

For federal programs, including Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (\$600), or Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (13 week extension), all overpayments are either “fraud” or “non-fraud.”

If the government determines you have an overpayment, they will send you:

- 1. A Notice explaining why there is an overpayment; and**
- 2. A Notice explaining the amount of the overpayment and the type of overpayment.**

Some PUA claimants have received overpayment notices due to an error made by the government which resulted in double payment of their benefits. These overpayments are “non-fraud.”



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Non-Fraud Overpayments



If you have a non-fraud overpayment, the only way the government can recover the money from you is to take $\frac{1}{3}$ of your future unemployment benefits (for up to 4 years) until the amount is repaid. **They cannot take any other action against you.**

You can also choose to repay the money by mailing a check made payable to **“PA UC Fund”** to:

Office of UC Benefits
UI Payment Services
PO Box 67503
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7503

You should include your full name and social security number on the memo line. We strongly recommend taking photos of any check you send so that you have records of the payments.

Note: PUA claimants may have also received paperwork about waivers of overpayments. That paperwork was sent in error. Pennsylvania does not have a waiver system.



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