# Important Information about the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program (EUC):

## Q. What is EUC?

**A.** Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) is a federally funded program that provides payments to unemployed individuals who have exhausted their regular unemployment. EUC is divided into four levels called Tiers.

For all claims filed on or before September 1, 2012, the maximum potential weeks available of EUC is 53 weeks. For all claims filed after September 1, 2012, the maximum potential weeks available of EUC is 47 weeks.

## (\*See detailed charts below.)

**Tier 1** – To be eligible for EUC benefits under Tier 1, a claimant must:

- Exhaust regular benefits on or before the week ending December 29, 2012.
- File a claim for Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) on or before the week ending December 23, 2012, with an effective date of December 29, 2012 or before.

Tier 2 – To be eligible for EUC benefits under Tier 2, a claimant must:

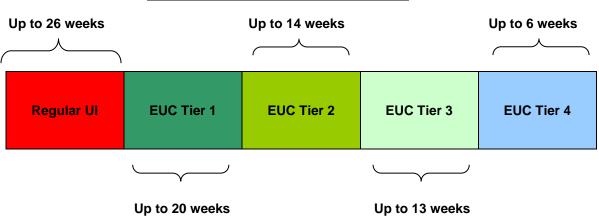
• Exhaust all entitlement to Tier 1 Emergency Benefits on or before the week ending December 29, 2012.

Tier 3 – To be eligible for EUC benefits under Tier 3, a claimant must:

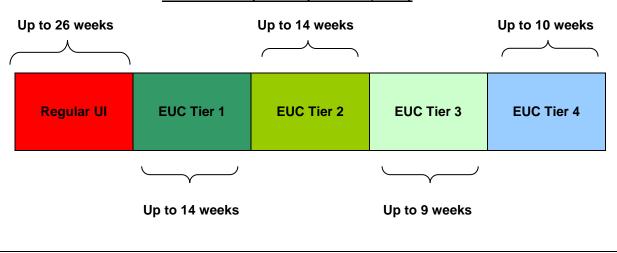
• Exhaust all entitlement to Tier 1 and Tier 2 Emergency Benefits on or before the week ending December 29, 2012.

**Tier 4** – To be eligible for EUC benefits under Tier 4, a claimant must:

• Exhaust all entitlement to Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 Emergency Benefits on or before the week ending December 29, 2012.



## EUC Timeline (Before September 1, 2012)



EUC Timeline (After September 1, 2012)

#### Q. Who is eligible for EUC?

**A.** Unemployed claimants whose regular UI benefits expire before the week ending December 29, 2012 may be eligible for EUC. Claimants cannot be eligible for a new, regular unemployment compensation claim in the District of Columbia, another state, or Canada. Claimants who qualify for this federal program will be notified of their potential eligibility and next steps.

## Q. If a claimant is currently filing for regular benefits, does the claimant have to file an application for EUC?

**A.** Yes. An EUC application will be mailed **after he or she has collected the maximum amount of regular benefits available**. If the claimant is eligible for EUC and remains partially or totally unemployed, the claimant may continue to file weekly certifications as he or she did for regular benefits.

## Q. When does the EUC Program expire?

**A.** On February 22, 2012, President Obama signed legislation extending the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program. While the legislation did not add any new benefits, it did extend the deadline by which claimants can apply for and receive extended benefits. The last payable week of EUC benefits was extended to December 29, 2012.

## **Regarding Other Extended Benefits Programs:**

Q. What is the difference between the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Program and the federal Extended Benefits (EB) Program?

The Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Program is a federally funded program that provides payments to unemployed individuals who have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits. The Extended Benefits (EB) Program provides benefits to claimants who have exhausted regular UI benefits **and** all EUC

benefits. According to the federal government, the District of Columbia is in a High Unemployment Period (HUP), which allows eligible claimants to receive additional weeks of benefits. Claimants who qualify for these programs will be automatically notified.

## Q. What are the eligibility requirements for EB?

A. Claimants must meet the following criteria in order to receive EB:

- Claimants must have exhausted all regular UI benefits **and** all EUC benefits before the week ending January 5, 2013.
- Claimants cannot be eligible for unemployment benefits on a new, regular claim in DC, another state, or Canada.
- Claimants MUST submit Work Search information each week. Work Search information can be supplied online or it may be submitted by mailing in a completed weekly claim form.

## Q. What if I have received EB in the past?

A. For those eligible claimants who have remaining weeks of Extended Benefits, an EB notification order will be sent in the mail when EUC Tier 4 is exhausted. This pay order will show the claimant's EB balance.

## Q. What if I have never received EB?

**A.** For those claimants who qualify, but have never claimed EB, a monetary determination and an EB pay order will be sent in the mail.

## Q. What if a claimant has benefit weeks remaining under the local Additional Benefits (AB) Program?

**A.** The local Additional Benefits program **expired on November 6, 2009**, when President Obama signed an extension for EUC08. **AB program benefits are no longer available**.

## Q. What are the resources available to me as a job seeker?

**A.** All UI claimants are encouraged to utilize job seeker services through our DCNetworks system (<u>www.dcnetworks.org</u>), the One City One Hire web portal (<u>OneCityOneHire.org</u>), or one of our DC Works! Career Centers (<u>DOES: One-Stop Career Center Locations</u>).