

Extended Benefits

What is the Extended Benefits program?

When unemployment is high, states who meet certain economic criteria may offer additional unemployment insurance (UI) benefits through the Extended Benefits (EB) program.

- Under EB, eligible individuals may receive up to an additional 13 weeks of UI benefits.

When EB is available, the Division will post information on MDunemployment.com and notify all potentially-eligible claimants.

Who qualifies for EB and how can I apply?

EB is available to eligible individuals who **exhaust regular UI benefits**.

- Your UI claim is exhausted when you receive the maximum amount of UI benefits you qualify for in a benefit year.
- Your maximum benefit amount and benefit balance are listed in BEACON at beacon.labor.maryland.gov (under the Claim Information section of the BEACON homepage).

Maximum Benefit Amount	\$5,408.00
Monetary Balance	\$857.00

Apply - When EB is available in Maryland, you may apply in [BEACON](#) or by calling **667-207-6520** (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

How much will I receive under EB?

For EB, the Maryland weekly benefit amount (WBA) ranges from \$50 (minimum) to \$430 (maximum). If eligible, you will receive dependents' allowance (\$8 weekly per dependent, up to five dependents).

- The Division will determine if you are eligible for EB and your WBA. See the [Claims Filing - Initial Claims FAQs](#) (at MDunemployment.com) for more.