

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Unemployed Texans Granted Additional UI Benefits Extension**

*TWC Will Notify All Potentially Eligible Claimants by Mail*

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has announced up to 13 additional weeks of federally funded Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits are available to unemployed Texans.

A provision in the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act provides up to 13 weeks of additional benefits, referred to as Tier II, for Texans who meet eligibility requirements. Because the extended benefits are entirely federally funded, employers will not be charged for any claims paid on this extension to eligible claimants.

Currently, approximately 58,000 Texans have exhausted all previous UI benefits and may be eligible for Tier II extended benefits. TWC mailed letters to these claimants telling them how to apply for this extension.

For claimants who are currently receiving emergency benefits, there is no need to call TWC to receive this extension. TWC will automatically add the weeks and send a letter showing the amount of compensation that each claimant could receive.

Claimants may update their address information online through <http://paymentrequest.texasworkforce.org> or by contacting a UI Tele-Center.

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